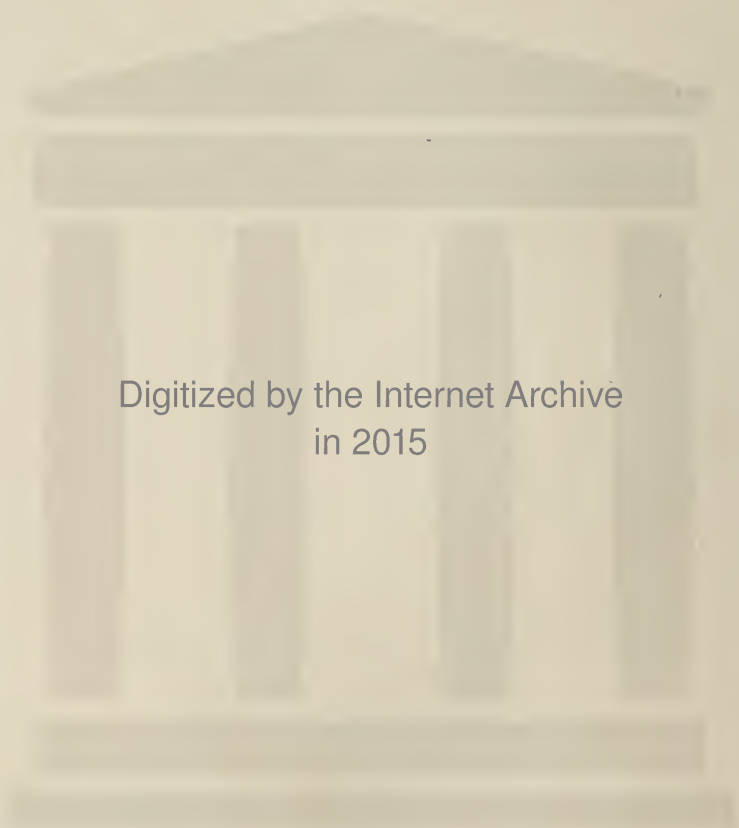


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## THE RESURRECTION MESSAGE.

(John xxi.)

Tune: DIADEMATA, by G. I. Elvey, or any short metre tune.

BY MRS. MERRILL E. GATES.

It is the risen Lord!  
He stands beside the sea,  
Where low the rippling waves are heard,  
By dawn-lit Galilee.  
His brow is like a star;  
In majesty more bright  
Than morning's glory, flashing far,—  
His is the Godhead's light!

Jesus! It is the Lord!  
His voice floats o'er the tide.  
"Cast ye the net"—it is his word—  
"Upon the hither side!"  
Since he commands, his power  
Will fill the nets we draw.  
His resurrection-word, this hour,  
In heaven and earth is law!

Deathless forevermore,  
He stands beside life's sea,  
And to each one he saith thrice o'er,  
"Disciple, lov'st thou me?  
Then feed my lambs most dear,  
And feed my sheep," saith he.  
To-day his word of power rings clear  
As once on Galilee.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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## THE RELEASE OF MISS STONE.

ON Monday morning, February 24th, a sigh of relief was breathed in thousands of homes the world over at the announcement that our beloved captives in Bulgaria were released, and with their friends. The long, anxious watch is over at last, and those to whom the captivity has meant so much are filled with gratitude to the Giver of all good. The anxiety of the week previous to the release was intense, not even second to the first few days of the seizure. Those who had the matter in charge had dared to pay over the ransom, and yet for seventeen days the friends were as mysteriously concealed as ever. Only the utmost confidence in the wisdom of those conducting the negotiations prevented loss of hope and criticism as to the methods employed. Results have proved that confidence was not misplaced, and we may admire the courage as well as the wisdom that risked so much. Doubtless the workers there saw—as we could not at this distance—that the course adopted was the only one possible in the circumstances. We may rejoice with all our hearts that the plan was successful.

As for obvious reasons the negotiations were carried on with the greatest secrecy, information concerning them are meager and uncertain, but we take up the case as it was left by Mrs. Haskell on another page, and give what is supposed to be approximately correct. At the time of writing the article, January 27th, Mrs. Haskell was hourly expecting a telegram announcing the release. We suppose that the missionaries were then at

Serres, carrying on the final negotiations, and probably stayed on to meet the captives on their release. The brigands, however, did not take them to Serres, as was expected, but to the little village of Gradusher, near the town of Strumitza, at three o'clock in the morning. The particulars of the first hours are described in Miss Stone's own words, sent to her brother, as follows:—

"Freed, thank God, and well after our captivity of nearly six months. Sabbath morning Mrs. Tsilka and her seven weeks' old daughter, Elene, and I found ourselves left by our captors near a village an hour distant from Strumitza. For three hours we waited for dawn, then secured horses and came to this city.

"Kind-hearted Bulgarian friends rushed from their house as soon as they caught a glimpse of the strange-appearing travelers, took us in their arms from our horses, with tears and smiles and words of welcome, and led us into their house. Word was quickly sent to the friends engaged in their morning service at church, and they came, old and young, to greet us. What thanksgiving to God for this proof of his faithfulness to answer their prayers, for all—even the little children—had never ceased to pray for us, their lost friends.

"Since that hour our waking time has been crowded with friends from the city and surrounding villages, who have brought us their heartfelt congratulation for our deliverance.

"The Turkish government did not fail to question us as to our experiences. The governor of the city, with his suite, called this morning and again this afternoon, after the arrival of Dr. House and his son from Salonica, accompanied by M. Gargiulo, the first dragoman of the American embassy at Constantinople. The last three have come to accompany us to Salonica to-morrow, where Mr. Tsilka awaits his long-lost wife and their baby. They have brought me a bundle of letters from mother and my brother and dearest friends.

"Thus, with unspeakable gratitude to God, and to all friends who by prayer and gifts have helped to free us, we begin our life of freedom."

The good news was received by cable by Dr. Judson Smith in the one word "safe," which meant, according to a prearranged code, "Miss Stone, Mrs. Tsilka and child released; in good physical condition and in good spirits." Later a second dispatch was received from Mr. Peet, saying, "Stone's release completed. Inform friends." The joyful news was quickly carried to family and friends, and soon flashed around the world.

At the time of writing, March 9th, Miss Stone is in Constantinople, and, in response to suggestions made to her in November to come to

this country as soon as possible after her release, expects to be in this country in a few weeks. She will receive the warmest of welcomes from thousands whom she has never seen, as well as from her friends. We wish to make one plea in her behalf: that churches and societies and even personal friends will allow her time for rest before she is called upon to go over and over the painful experiences either in public or private. Our prayers have been literally answered; she will soon be with us in the flesh; and our hearts are filled with joy and gratitude. Can we not let this suffice for a few months to come?

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**OUR CONTRIBUTIONS.** The month closes with a more encouraging condition of the treasury than for some time, as the books show a lessening of the deficit of \$3,000 reported last month. By the regular contributions from the Branches, the loss has been reduced to \$1,200, as compared with the first four months of last year. The circular letter and leaflet which have been sent out by the Board during the past month, calling attention to the serious need of increased funds, will doubtless meet with a warm response; and with the offerings from the Lenten envelopes, we hope this loss of \$1,200 will be far more than met ere another month shall close. Mrs. Lamson's appeal in the *Congregationalist*, reprinted in the leaflet just referred to, is already bringing treasure into the storehouse, from which it shall be sent out to gladden anxious missionary hearts.

**MISSIONARY PERSONALS.** All friends of Dr. Bissell will be grateful for the good news of her continued improvement, and for the hope of her entire restoration to health after a much-needed rest in this country. She, with her sister Emily, are expected to arrive in this country the last of March, leaving the great work in Ahmednagar in faithful but already over-burdened hands. Miss Florence Hartt, who has been less than a year in Ahmednagar, has assumed the care of the great boarding school, and feels greatly the need of the prayers and support of the friends here at home in her new and arduous work.

**IN MEMORIAM.** Sad tidings have come to us of the death of Mrs. O. MRS. O. R. IRELAND. R. Ireland, of the Zulu Mission, at the home of her son, Rev. Wm. S. Ireland, in West Groton, N. Y. Her years of service numbered more than thirty—nearly a lifetime of earnest, effective effort for the cause and the people that she loved. During the last five years while in this country her one desire has been to go back to Africa, and spend her last days working for the kraal girls in the Ireland Home. Neither advancing years nor impaired eyesight nor the prospect of unsanitary surroundings daunted her eager courage. The desire of her heart was about to be gratified, as she was expecting soon to go to Africa. The passage was taken on

a steamer sailing in May, with Mr. and Mrs. Bunker. She has been called to the higher service, where, with eternal youth, laying aside every weight of physical disability, she may unceasingly and untiringly, in closer and visible contact with her Master, continue the labors so well begun here, assured of final victory.

**A SPECIAL PRESENT RESPONSIBILITY.** It is a great relief to feel that the remote suffering from famine has been so much abated among the people in our Marathi Mission. The worst horrors of starvation are over, but our missionaries still have a great burden in the care of thirty-three hundred orphans placed in their hands, it would seem, directly by the Lord himself. They came flocking to our missionaries, and in common humanity could not be turned away. They are still with us, and again humanity demands that they shall be cared for. We believe that more than humanity—the call of a great opportunity—comes to our Board at this time, to save these little ones from physical suffering, and, what is more important, to fit them in our schools for teachers, Bible women, heads of Christian households. The most promising of them will be taken into our schools, so far as there are funds to support them, and this is the very best that friends of our Board can do for them. By vote of the mission we were asked to appropriate more than \$10,000 for our schools. We were able to grant only about \$7,000 or \$3,000 less than was asked. It costs \$20 a year to place one of these girls in one of our boarding schools,—not a large sum to lead a human soul to the Lord Jesus, and to enable that soul to lead others to the same loving Saviour. Who will help?

**OUR WORK IN BULGARIA.** As will be seen by our list of topics for auxiliary meetings for the year, we have suggested that the third topic in *Via Christi*, which includes the introduction of Christianity into the Slavic regions, should be followed by the study of our present work in Bulgaria. Prominent among the missionary workers in the ninth century were two brothers from Thessalonica—Cyril, a scholar and philosopher, and Methodius, a scholar and an artist. The brothers accomplished much as evangelists, but their greatest service was thought to be the translation of the Bible and the liturgy into Slavic or old Bulgarian. The Orthodox Church of Bulgaria still has its service chanted in the language of the days of Cyril and Methodius, although it is entirely a dead language to the people. When the new light began to dawn in Bulgaria, the first necessity was a Bible that the people could read. The New Testament was translated by a Bulgarian monk, and published by the British and Foreign Bible Society. The eagerness with which this was received led our missionaries in Con-

stantinople to issue tracts and portions of the Bible in Bulgarian. This in turn led to the establishment of the European Turkey Mission of the American Board, which now includes two stations in Bulgaria—Philippopolis and Samokov—and two in Macedonia—Monastir and Salonica. The two large girls' boarding schools in the mission at present, at Samokov and Monastir, are supported by the Board of the Interior. In the latter school, however, the two American teachers—Miss Harriet L. Cole, now in this country on furlough, and Miss Mary L. Matthews—are missionaries of our own Eastern Board. Our readers will be interested in Miss Matthews's sketch of the school at Monastir on another page, also in Mrs. Marsh's description of the Bible woman's work in the mission, which has been largely under the care of Miss Stone.

CONFERENCES OF YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS. The American Committee of Young Women's Christian Associations announce four conferences for the coming season: At Capitola, California, May 16-26; at Asheville, North Carolina, June 13-23; Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, August 22-September 2; at Silver Bay, Lake George, June 27-July 7. This latter conference is the one heretofore held at Northfield. A cordial welcome is given to the public interested in the Christian development of young women to attend these conferences. The strong Christian work in the colleges and cities throughout the year, the increasing interest in Bible study and missions, bear witness to the importance of these gatherings.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL CONFERENCE. The fifth interdenominational conference of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions was held in Toronto, Canada, February 25th and 26th. The Metropolitan Church—Methodist—was hospitably placed at the disposal of the conference for its three sessions, and the cordial welcome of the Toronto ladies made all feel themselves at home from the outset. The distance from the headquarters of most of the Boards prevented as large a representation as at previous gatherings, but delegates from fourteen organizations registered, and an interested local audience made a large attendance upon all sessions. The presiding officer was Mrs. J. B. Wilmott, of the Methodist Board, Toronto. Much consideration was given to the important topic of the United Study of Missions, the discussion being opened by Mrs. J. T. Gracey, one of the central committee who have so ably perfected plans for this work. Discussion served to show that *Via Christi*, the first book of the series, had found a field of usefulness beyond all expectation. The universal testimony was to the great demand for the book and its general adoption in auxiliary societies of all classes and ages of students. Other subjects discussed were Missionary Literature,

opened by Mrs. Williamson, Church of England; Deputation and Devotional Work, Mrs. McQuesten, Presbyterian; Work among the Lepers and Blind in its relation to the general work, Mrs. C. A. R. Janvier, Presbyterian. The Higher Education of Girls was ably treated by Miss F. A. Fensham, Dean of our American College for Girls in Constantinople, and interesting addresses on the Comparative Value of Industrial, Boarding and Day Schools were given by Mrs. J. A. K. Walker, missionary of the Baptist Board in India; Miss Belton, Methodist, Japan; and Dr. Oliver, Presbyterian, India. A question box was conducted by Miss K. G. Lamson of our own Board. The Spiritual Side of Mission Work formed the subject of the last paper of the conference, and as given thoughtfully and earnestly by Mrs. J. D. Nasmith, Congregational, formed a fitting close for the deliberations. The closing session was followed by a social hour and tea, giving a welcome opportunity for the intercourse which is so valuable a part of every gathering of those interested in a common cause. K. G. L.

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## BULGARIA.

### EFFORTS FOR THE RELEASE OF MISS STONE.

BY MRS. MARGARET B. HASKELL.

(Written January 27.)

WOULD that Miss Stone was free to tell her own story, but as she is not, I will give you some account of the efforts made for her release. For three weeks after her capture a deathlike silence prevailed. This was broken by a letter from her, which a brigand delivered at our house in the night. The story that he flourished a pistol, etc., was a pure embellishment of a New York reporter. He did say that if Mr. Haskell informed any one of the receipt of the letter, his life would be in danger. In it Miss Stone requested him to go to Constantinople to consult with our Treasurer, Mr. Peet, about the ransom, and to ask Consul General Dickinson to persuade the Turkish government to withdraw its troops from pursuing them, as this placed the lives of the captives in peril. Eighteen days of grace were given for the payment of the ransom, but there was no threat of taking Miss Stone's life in case it failed to be paid at the end of that time. Mr. Haskell started for Constantinople the next morning. A consultation there resulted in Consul Dickinson's going to Sofia to urge the Bulgarian government, if possible, to get in communication with the captors, and compel them, for the honor of Bulgaria before the civilized world, to give up their prize without ransom. This plan, which some were very sanguine about, failed. About October 6th we learned from a trustworthy source that the captives



MISS STONE AND HER CLASS OF BIBLE WOMEN. (SUMMER, 1901.)  
(Mrs. Tsilka sits at Miss Stone's right hand.)

were on a thickly wooded mountain called Gul Tepe (Rose Mountain), near the Bulgarian border. A carrier was sent to Sofia with this news, and a plan laid to have the brigands pressed by troops on the Turkish side, and, as they fled, fall unawares into the hands of Bulgarian troops on this side of the border. The movements were conducted with the utmost secrecy, but before anything could be done the American newspapers revealed all, and the bird had flown.

October 25th we received another call from the brigand. He came at 7 P. M. in a driving rain without overcoat or umbrella; but as I was alone, and as we live about eight minutes' walk from the Mission compound, I was not quite hospitable enough to invite him in, but told him to come again at nine o'clock. Providentially Mr. Baird and our daughter came up before that time. Promptly on the hour there was a rap at the gate, and after a parley, with promises of good faith on both sides, the robber was admitted. The interview was with the gentlemen alone. The bandit brought a letter from Miss Stone asking that the time and place for the payment of the ransom be arranged. He seemed confounded when told that both the United States Government and the American Board refused to pay a ransom; that the only money available was from private sources, and was nothing like the amount demanded. He said he was not empowered to take less. It was decided that he communicate with his comrades, and learn their lowest figure. Meanwhile Mr. Haskell would ascertain how much Mr. Peet had in hand to give. The man said five days would be required to get word from the band.

When the five days had passed, we began awaiting his return. Every late footfall on the pavement made our hearts beat faster. We occupied a bedroom with windows on the street, so that if any one came in the night we should be sure to waken; but the man never returned. Probably it was not easy for the robbers to agree among themselves. All the efforts made in America to raise the ransom were immediately telegraphed to Bulgarian newspapers, and led the brigands to believe that by waiting they might secure the whole amount. Also the appearance in a small city like this of three American correspondents excited our local officials, and patrolmen were put on the streets to intercept suspicious-looking persons. This of itself was enough to keep a brigand away.

About this time negotiations were transferred to the State department. Toward Thanksgiving there was special activity on the part of Consul Dickinson and the missionary assisting him. So hopeful did I feel of her speedy release, that I sent a letter to Miss Stone in Sofia begging her to come to us for Thanksgiving,—but, alas! the day came, and there was no response.

Shortly after we heard from various sources that the captives were dead. One of the reports was deemed so reliable that, in reply to an urgent press

agent, Mr. Haskell sent a telegram of twenty words expressing his fears that this was true. This dispatch appeared multiplied by five, and yet signed by his name. Since then the weary weeks have dragged on. From first to last the press has greatly impeded the case. We understand and appreciate the fact that America has been deeply moved. We have been proud and grateful for the sympathy shown, and have realized the eagerness that must be felt for news. Of course not all press agents have been unscrupulous, but greater care in publishing news would have made it far



THE MONASTERY WHERE MISS STONE WAS  
REPORTED TO BE CONCEALED.

easier for Mr. Dickinson to carry on negotiations with the brigands, who were led to suppose he was playing false with them when their accomplices reported to them that their secrets were in the newspapers. Also the reputation of the missionaries for honesty has been clouded by the sensational reports published in America, and immediately telegraphed back here.

And the end is not yet. It would not be worth while to rehearse the painful reports that have come to us from time to time in regard to our dear ones. When Miss Stone is freed we shall know the truth. The interest and sympathy of our Bulgarian Christians in the case have been warm, even pathetic; and many outside our circle have spoken most affectionately of Miss Stone. It is our earnest



A GORGE IN THE RITO MOUNTAINS.

prayer that "the things which have happened" to her may fall out "unto the furtherance of the gospel." We love this people, and should greatly deplore any rupture of feeling between our two governments. We can only cry with the psalmist, "Show thy marvelous loving kindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them that put their trust in thee."

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## BIBLE WOMEN'S WORK IN THE EUROPEAN TURKEY MISSION.

BY MRS. GEORGE D. MARSH, PHILIPPOLIS, BULGARIA.

My attention was first called to this work when, on arriving at Constantinople in 1868, under appointment to Brousa, Turkey, I was met by an earnest request to come instead to Philippopolis to take up the Bible work, which even so early in the history of the mission was felt to be a valuable, hopeful branch of mission work.

In those early days the pastors' wives were the principal Bible women, and many and warm are the tributes paid to their memory by those whom they led from darkness into the marvelous light. But there were a few others, too,—girls who had studied under Miss Raynolds, and caught her sweet spirit of self-sacrifice and zeal for the Master, and were ready for Christ's sake to brave mobs of ignorant, excited men and women, or to make long journeys over the mountains in answer to the Macedonian cry.

In 1870 Marika Genchova, the first Bulgarian girl who became a Christian under Miss Raynold's instruction, writes of her work among the Bansko women, whom she had reached by a five days' horseback journey. She stayed several weeks with them, teaching many to read, and leading many more to the Saviour; but she was then obliged to return to her post as teacher in Eski Zaghra, though her heart longed to stay with them as they held her in their arms crying, "Child, how can you leave us?" Two sisters, Magdalena and Katerinka, also did good work as Bible women in Philippopolis and near villages. Fanny Meizner, a warm-hearted, earnest Christian Bohemian woman, the first teacher in the mission school for girls, felt deeply the need of special workers among the women, but neither she nor Miss Raynolds nor Miss Norcross could spare time or strength from their school duties to make tours; and in 1869 Miss Minnie Beach came to the mission, especially appointed to the charge of Bible work among Bulgarian women. Miss Beach's health failing, however, she was obliged to return to America before having fairly entered the work. For the next ten years

Bible workers trained in the mission school and a few rare souls, women trained by much tribulation and called of the Lord, were located wherever places were ready for them, and, helped and encouraged by pastors and missionaries, developed the work healthfully and hopefully.

Of the first class, six in number, graduating from the Samokov Girls' School, four have done good service as Bible women. One of them, dear Yordanka Antonova, eager to do "what she could" for the miserably poor,



STREET SCENE IN SAMOKOV, BULGARIA.

sick, bereaved survivors of the Turkish massacre in the Bulgarian village of Batak, so overtaxed her strength that coming to our home for a rest after some months of such work she soon passed away, happy in the assurance of meeting her Master's "Well done." Two others after longer service have also gone to their reward.

In 1883 Miss Ellen M. Stone was given charge of the Bible women's work in the Philippopolis and Samokov fields, bringing to our help rich

stores of enthusiasm, experience and consecration, and giving a new impulse to the work in all its branches.

As Miss Stone's associate in the Philippopolis field I have had abundant opportunity to know of her untiring devotion to the work, of her endurance in "journeyings oft," her loving counsels to, and thoughtful plannings for, the workers, as well as her own constant, personal efforts in soul winning. As I have visited different parts of the Philippopolis field since Miss Stone's removal to Salonica, in 1898, I have found her held in loving remembrance in many and many a home by those she had comforted in sorrow, taught the way of life and loved as sisters. I was so impressed and encouraged during a tour last October by the earnestness, the simple faith of the constant prayers I heard offered for her release from captivity, that it was a bitter disappointment to find on getting home that such prayers had not yet been answered. That the Lord of the harvest will in his own good time restore to his work this beloved and efficient worker we do not for a moment allow ourselves to doubt.

This mission at its annual meeting last July put Miss Mary Haskell in charge of the Bible work in the Samokov field, and also of a department in the Samokov school for the special training of Bible workers. We often speak of these Bible workers as Bible women, but really the majority of them begin work soon after leaving school, and feel their limitations, but carry bravely the responsibilities laid upon them.

As her name indicates, the aim of the Bible woman is to make known the Bible, and this she does by reading it wherever she can find or make an opportunity; teaching women to read, that they may study it for themselves, gathering the children, in some places in great numbers, to teach them Bible verses and stories and gospel hymns, and by exemplifying in her own self-sacrificing, happy Christian life the Bible truths she teaches. Like the apostle of old, the Bible woman must strive by all means to gain some, and so she is equally ready to join in a husking-bee or a grape-gathering, to help a tired mother with her sewing or in the care of sick children. Groups of women before their doors knitting or spinning, though they sometimes curse the Bible woman and the Book, more frequently respond to her pleasant greeting with an invitation to stop and talk,—an opportunity of which she makes the most to interest them in something better than the gossip—or worse—which forms the staple of their usual conversation. A Bible woman of long experience seeing on the street one day a stranger with a sick child, stopped to speak with her, and told her of some simple remedies for the child, talking to her at the same time so earnestly and affectionately of the love and care of her Heavenly Father that her ministration was doubly blest.



FATIMA HANUM.

The child got well, and both mother and father came with their sin-sick souls to the Great Physician, and have just been admitted to church membership, the first in their village to confess Christ.

Miss Stone, in her last report of women's work in the Salonica field, tells us that last summer one of their Bible women so interested a village priest in her talk with him about the Bible, that he persuaded her to address his flock in the Orthodox church the next morning. Another Bible woman, finding deep water between her and her waiting Sunday afternoon audience, got her husband to carry her over it on his back.

There are at present working among their Bulgarian sisters in Bulgaria and Macedonia eleven Bible women and teachers who, besides their duties in the schoolroom, teach the women to read, lead prayer meetings, and in general, as far as time and strength will allow, do the work of a Bible woman or preacher's wife. The noon recess is often the best time for the women's meetings, when the teacher after a hasty lunch, or none at all, rings the little church bell, and the women, distaffs in hand, spinning as they walk, not to lose a precious minute, Testament and hymn book tucked in the girdle, and often with babies on their backs, gather for the prayer hour so dear to them. It is a goodly sight, and one to make believers in the work of the Bible woman, to see these hard-handed, labor-bowed mothers of many children able to read understandingly, if not fluently, and to sing so sweetly the hymns we all love, thanks to her untiring patience and loving encouragement.

In addition to these Bulgarian Bible women there has been at work in Philippopolis the past three years a Turkish Bible woman. For a great many years she served as Bible reader and colporter in Constantinople, but obliged to flee from there after the troubles of 1896, she gladly took up the work of a Bible woman among the more accessible Turkish women and refugee Armenians in this city. Though nearly seventy years old, her heart is so warm with love to her Saviour, and so full of longing for the salvation of her people, that there are few days in the year so cold or so hot, so rainy or snowy, that she does not go out with her little Osmanlu Bible and some Turkish or Armenian tracts. In most of the many homes she visits she finds a welcome; failing in this, occasionally meeting threats, she makes her salaam, and passes on to some other quarter. In visiting with her I have been greatly interested to see her tact and skill in showing to the people the Messiah of the prophets, Christ the Saviour. Occasionally in response to her urgent invitations, Turkish women, as well as men, have come to the Turkish preaching service.

We thank God for Fatima Hanum, and for all these humble, faithful workers who are hastening the coming of his kingdom.



MONASTIR, FROM THE WEST.

## THE AMERICAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, MONASTIR, TURKEY, IN EUROPE.

BY MISS MARY L. MATTHEWS, MONASTIR.

It is no longer true, in this part of the world, that a girl, simply because she is a girl, must remain ignorant. The last twenty years have seen a great change in this respect. When boarding schools were established by the mission at Samokov, Bulgaria, and in this city, there were few other schools where girls could receive an education. Parents did not see why their daughters should know more than their mothers and grandmothers had known. Now, however, it is a recognized fact that an educated girl has some advantages over her more ignorant sisters, and every nationality has its own schools for girls as well as for boys.

The Girls' School at Samokov is older, and has a longer roll of pupils, with a larger teaching force, and a course of study two years higher, than the Monastir school. It has sent out its graduates to be Bible women, teachers and home makers, and not in this world can the good done by them be estimated. May its future graduates be as consecrated to the service of Christ as many in the past have been, and do even more for him. One of the Samokov pupils has become widely known, by reason of her capture by brigands as Miss Stone's companion. It was with great difficulty that Mrs. Tsilka, when a girl, overcame the prejudices of her parents, and succeeded in attending that institution, of which she had heard from one who had been there.

The Monastir school was opened in 1878. At first the Bulgarian language was used almost entirely, as it is understood quite generally in this region. English was introduced as an extra, but the demand for it has increased. As from five to nine nationalities have been represented among the pupils each year, it was decided, in 1897, to make English the principal language, but giving Bulgarian also. When necessary, classes in Greek and Albanian



MONASTIR GIRLS' SCHOOL, 1901.

have been taught. The change to English opens up before our pupils a richer literature and better text-books, and enables them to use many helps in Sunday and day school work when called to such responsibilities.

From the first the religious influence of the school has been strong; therefore, the attendance has been limited to the children of Protestants and those least affected by prejudice. "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God." The fact that each nation has in this city schools sup-

ported by its own government explains some of our difficulties. For instance, the Servian school has drawn pupils by giving free dinners, uniforms and hats. No other scholars in the city wear the last-named article, and to some a simple sailor hat is a great attraction. The writer remembers visiting a home in Radovich, in 1893, where a little child was so frightened by her plain, brown hat that she cried a long time, and she screamed out with fear at sight of this same inoffensive hat in church the next day. Such a thing would not occur now, for hats and bonnets are worn by many women who are "well-to-do."

Four years ago it was decided to charge tuition at the rate of forty-four cents per month in the preparatory, and eighty-eight cents in the higher grades, making reductions in special cases. No girl is received without some payment. Instead of diminishing, the day attendance has gradually increased, showing that people value that which costs them something. There has been a marked gain in regularity of attendance and thorough scholarship which we never secured with free tuition. Rarely are scholars absent, even on saints' days, except from illness.

Eighteen day pupils have been enrolled this year, and the number of boarders is the largest in the history of the school. There are twenty-two, all from places outside of Monastir. For a while there were twenty-four. Two of the day pupils became boarders in November, when their father's illness necessitated the removal of the family to Voden. This man was an earnest Christian, employed as a bookseller. His wife was much opposed to the truth, and did not like to have the girls here, even as day scholars. Sometimes, in their father's absences, she had kept them at home by refusing to comb their hair. Soon after leaving Monastir the father went to his eternal home; then the mother came to take her little daughters away. Both wept bitterly at leaving, for they had been very happy here. We were disappointed, too, as they seemed promising, and we had hoped they would remain to finish the course. While they were here the dormitories were so full that the only storeroom had to be put in order for a teacher, and another teacher moved that a room might be available for these children. Extra furniture had to be stored in a recitation room which is in daily use. In the summer we hope to enlarge one of the dormitories to permit a total of thirty boarders, and we believe that number will be reached soon.

Miss Stone's capture touches this school very closely, for she is one of its trustees. Both she and Mrs. Tsilka were present at the public exercises in June, 1901. Words cannot express the sorrow and sympathy felt by teachers and pupils for these friends in this great trial. Our prayers ascend with those of God's people everywhere for their release.

It is well known that this institution has no political aims, nor is it intended that its usefulness be limited to any one nationality. It is open to all, with a course of two years in the primary, four in the preparatory and four in the high school. Bible study is prominent. The higher classes use English text-books in literature, history, arithmetic, algebra, geometry,



MISS COLE, MISS MATTHEWS, AND NATIVE ASSISTANT TEACHERS.

physics, physiology, and written examinations are required in that language. On five days in the week the girls speak only English until supper time.

Two Americans and four assistants make up the usual corps of teachers, but this year Miss Cole is in the home land for her well-earned furlough, after a period of ten years of teaching. Her return is looked for in the summer. Next year's work hardly can be carried on without her, as we expect to graduate a larger class than ever before.

Besides book learning, the girls receive training in all kinds of domestic work. All services required for the household are performed by them, except washing floors. No matron is employed. It is more satisfactory to put the responsibility for the work upon the girls, under the direction of teachers. The cooking, washing dishes, sweeping and arranging of rooms, and their own laundry work, give them some healthful exercise, which is supplemented by gymnastic practice and walks. Some training in the care of the sick, and an occasional object lesson in this line by Miss Pavleva (who was at one time a nurse in the Presbyterian Hospital, New York), help to fit them for life's duties. Practice in making their own dresses, in the sewing class, has demonstrated its own value. There has been marked progress in this line in the last two years.

The records of the past show the names of twenty-one graduates, and of about two hundred pupils who, for various reasons, did not complete the course. Many of the latter are having an influence for good to-day in the places where they live. Some are married, and have well-ordered Christian homes.

Of the graduates, every one has been a church member, and only two have given evidence of turning back. All but four of the twenty-one have taught from one to ten years in connection with the mission,—the total of their years of service being above sixty, making an average of three and one-half years for each. Two who continued their studies at the Constantinople Home and the Samokov school, respectively, are teaching at Kortcha, the only school in existence for Albanian girls in their own language. Five others, also, have received diplomas at Samokov, and one teaches there. Seven have married Protéstants, and their homes are centers of Christian influence. The class of 1900 consisted of one Albanian, one Bulgarian and one Servian. The first entered the American College at Constantinople last September, ranking as half freshman and half sophomore. She is to become a teacher at Kortcha, we hope. Her classmates are teaching now, the Servian having at her home the first evangelical school in that language for girls. Two graduates of our school have been promoted from earth to God's higher university.

A C. E. Society, officered entirely by pupils, has been a channel of blessing to many hearts. The quiet time set apart for Bible reading and prayer, morning and evening, has been always one of the strongest influences for good. Let us remember our covenant, that "we will not cease to make offerings of prayer, time and money, to the end that the daughters of sorrow—in this land—may know the love of Jesus."

## EXTRACTS FROM RECENT LETTERS.

FROM MISS MARY E. ANDREWS, PEKING, CHINA.

You were surprised that I wanted to come back to China, but could it have been otherwise? After all these years of work for this people, of course my whole heart is here. I love the people, I love the work for them, and nothing but a very plain word from the Lord would make me willing to give it up to take up any work at home. As to the danger, I could not think of that, for it is as safe for me as for anyone, and of necessity some of us must stand by our people in their time of need. The apparent danger of the situation grew less and less as we drew nearer to Peking, and here no one talks or thinks of danger. Everyone is busy and full of plans for the opening out of work. Of course there may be danger; no one can foresee what will be, even in the near future. The court will reach Peking next Tuesday, and there will be a very grand procession, no doubt. I do not expect the coming of the Emperor and Empress Dowager to make any immediate difference in our condition or work. Tung-cho is to be reopened as a station, and the college rebuilt there as soon as there are funds. There seems to be some misapprehension at the Rooms in regard to the state of our finances, judging from the cablegrams received. We have no indemnity funds in hand except those granted to our native Christians, which, of course, we have no right to use except for them. I hope the money may be forthcoming from some source, as it seems very important that we should begin building as soon as the spring opens.

A fortnight ago we went down to Tung-cho—a great company of us, between two hundred and fifty and three hundred—for the funeral services of our martyred ones there. It was my first going into the city since we left it that sad day in June, and it was a sad going back to the dear place which had been home to me so long. Accounts were written of the funeral services at Pao-ting-fu and at the villages around Tung-cho, and I am sure some one with a readier pen than mine will write of the day at Tung-cho as well. We went by rail, chartering a train for the occasion, for though the road is complete, trains are not yet running regularly. I am glad of the railroad, and, oh, I am so glad we are to reopen our work there again!

Meantime there is plenty to do here, and the days are full. I find a good deal to be glad over, as well as much to sadden. This past year has been a far more serious testing time to our native Christians than the time of the terrible outbreak. A good many of them have lost ground in their spiritual life without seeming to be conscious of the loss. It is a state of things

which makes one feel so powerless to help, and at the same time so glad that the Lord, with whom we work and whose the work is, is not powerless, but almighty; so glad, too, that he loves every one of these dear people, and longs to help them. It makes us strong and brave to come to Him and ask large things to know this, and it keeps us from bending under the burdens. The great need is for a mighty working of God's Spirit in our church, and that is what we are asking and waiting for. You will help us pray, I know.

I am very well, and am snugly settled in Miss Miner's rooms, which look very pretty with my fresh home furnishings.

FROM MISS FLORENCE E. HARTT, AHMEDNAGAR, INDIA.

I cannot tell you how delighted I was to meet Dr. and Mrs. Barton. They brought me a strong whiff of the home-land. I was sorry that we could not see more of them. Small houses may have their advantages, but they have many grievous disadvantages, and perhaps the greatest is the suppression of the hospitable spirit. I suppose Dr. Barton will have told you about my new duties as head of the boarding school. It is a very big burden to give to one who will not until the fifth of this month be a year in India; and yet I know there was no help for it. I am very sorry for Miss Bissell; I know she feels the parting keenly. Last night was her last in school. I chanced to go in, and found the girls all dissolved in tears. Poor things, no wonder they wept at parting with so kind a friend as Miss Bissell. It is hard for them to be left to the tender mercies of a stranger.

This morning I went to the dormitories and took an account of their worldly possessions. Shall I give you a sample of what I found in one of the twelve? Keramabai matron has charge of fifteen girls, and has in stock: three brass drinking cups, six brass plates, one mixing dish, three cooking vessels, one measure, one pohora (to draw up water with), two gamalas, five water pots, two wash pots, one turner, one sieve, one basket (to carry the bread in), one knife, one lamp, two mills and one curry stone.

You will see the rigid economy that Miss Bissell has had to practice,—five girls drinking out of one cup, and three eating off of one plate. I found the whole one hundred and seventy-eight girls had but fifty-three cups, or tambas, as they call them. We are so hampered for funds!

Does it not seem as though disasters came not singly? You will probably have heard that Dr. Julia is having a severe attack of relapsing fever. The doctor (civil surgeon) told Miss Nugent that a few nights ago he did not expect to find her alive in the morning. The past three or four days she was delirious, knew no one; but this morning there is a decided change for the better,

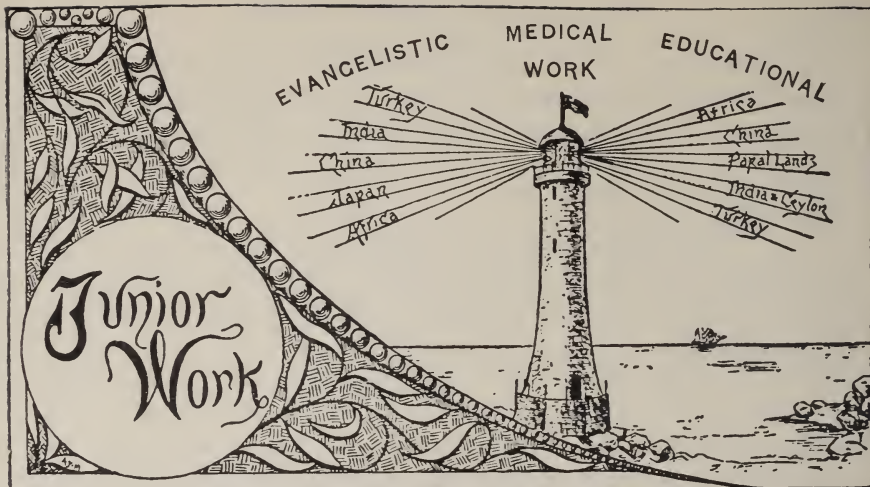
and she wished her nurse a "happy New Year." The doctor wondered how she could possibly know what day it was. On Monday night the church held a prayer meeting to pray for her recovery, and I could not keep the tears back when I heard some of the prayers. The doctors say she will have to take a long rest.

FROM MISS NELLIE M. CHENEY, CANTON, CHINA.

Mr. Nelson and my Chinese boy were in Hong Kong to meet me last Sunday noon when the China arrived. We took the night steamer for Canton, and were here at six o'clock Monday morning. Miss Myers is doing well with the language; she has a good ear for tones. Mrs. Nelson has even more Chinese visitors than of old. Christmas day we had a service at the chapel at twelve o'clock, and when we got there, about fifteen minutes before the hour, it was all I could do to press through the crowd of women to get to the organ on the men's side, and the preacher's wife said they had been there since eleven o'clock. I wonder what you home people would have thought of the singing by the day-school girls. They had a number of Christmas songs without the organ, and they sang as though they enjoyed it more than we did. Two of the preacher's sons, six and seven years of age, sang a song of four verses together. The younger boy, for some reason, repeated the first verse instead of singing the chorus when his brother did, but it didn't trouble either one in the least, and they finished the song with the little one just a verse behind the other boy all the way through, and the last chorus was sung alone by the younger boy, perfectly unconscious that anything was wrong. So much for the Chinese method of study.

FROM MRS. BISSELL, AHMEDNAGAR.

As for my village work, it has gone forward slightly during the year; there was no alternative. Some new work came to us unexpectedly and could not be lightly set aside; and when the people of Shendi offered us their village schoolhouse, we had to accept it, though in both cases an additional teacher was required. I could not stop to ask if it could be afforded. It was the step forward we had so long been wishing to take, and I felt I might just as well be in America as here if I cannot make use of these opportunities as they are presented. The famine still exists all around us, so that we cannot expect help from the people. Just now there is much fever in the villages, and not a day passes but some poor families have to be helped through an illness with either medicine or food. In addition to this drain, how can we stand the additional one of reductions upon our work?



— To give light to them that sit in darkness Luke 1:79 —

## IDEAL RELATIONS BETWEEN SENIOR AND JUNIOR ORGANIZATIONS IN THE BOARD.

To obtain information and practical help on this subject, letters were sent to Presidents and Junior Secretaries in our Branches asking for opinions and suggestions on the following points:—

1. The Ideal Relation between Senior and Junior Auxiliaries.
2. The Relation of Junior Auxiliaries to the Branch,—*a*. How can they strengthen the Branch? *b*. How can the Branch promote its Junior Work (1) in Branch meetings, (2) in routine work of societies.
3. Ideal Relations between Junior Auxiliaries, Mission Circles and Cradle Rolls.
4. Importance of including Junior Secretaries in Branch councils.
5. Give description and instances of specially happy relations between Senior and Junior work in your Branch.

### REPLIES.

#### FROM BRANCH PRESIDENTS.

##### BETWEEN SENIOR AND JUNIOR AUXILIARIES.

Most of the Branch presidents consider the ideal relation between senior and junior organizations to be that of the members of a family,—“simply older and younger children in one family, having common interests and aims, with differing methods adapted to age.” There should be “loving helpfulness on the part of the seniors and appeal for counsel by the juniors”; “a common interest and mutual helpfulness, which can be secured only by an intimate knowledge of the conditions and needs one of the other;” “a oneness of interest and a tendency among the juniors to assume an interest in the life of the senior auxiliary.” This will usually be the case if the seniors desire it, and regard the juniors as future helpers, not as rivals. “Occa-

sional invitations to juniors to take some part in the senior meeting, now and then uniting forces in one company, or securing the assistance of juniors at social gatherings, may naturally bring about an ideal state of affairs if it does not already exist, and may cement bonds of union where already there is an interchange of interest." The sending of delegates to each other's meetings is also strongly recommended.

One writes: "There has ever been most hearty co-operation in the varied work among seniors and juniors. If the senior society has wanted help, the juniors have most graciously helped. They are also taking the places of the senior members as they drop out of active service. The junior societies deserve much from the seniors, for they are busy young women, having various other good works on hand besides their clubs, their music, social and other duties, and nothing can be so cheering to the older women as their hearty co-operation. This winter the junior workers connected with one of our city churches, and at their own happy suggestion, have charge of the programme on the study of *Via Christi* at the monthly meetings of the Branch, arranging and planning the work,—thus relieving their elders of much care, but increasing their pleasure by listening to fresh, young voices and bright, breezy papers and talks, and, above all, thanking God for such young lives consecrated to his service."

#### RELATION OF JUNIOR AUXILIARIES TO THE BRANCH.

"Junior auxiliaries are the most important factors of the Branch, which needs the inspiration of youth, with its enthusiasm, culture and tactfulness combined with the zeal of consecrated Christian lives. The Branch should aim to develop and utilize all these qualities." "I could not speak of the 'relation' of junior auxiliaries to the Branch. They seem to me an integral part of it. Their existence strengthens and feeds it and provides for its future existence, and their needs and oversight are as truly and legitimately Branch responsibility as any part of the work."

A sense of "identification with the Branch is most important; the feeling of belonging to the Branch will help wonderfully." Every reply emphasized the value, if not the necessity, of giving junior work a place in Branch meetings,—"a prominent place, that the juniors may feel that they are in reality a twig of the Branch," "sending invitations beforehand to young people's societies, and asking that delegates be specially appointed." "Let Branch officers authorize junior secretaries to visit junior auxiliaries, to make clear to their minds the object and methods of the Branch, providing for the necessary expense. This will pay well." "An exercise by the younger juniors is often a pleasant feature of a Branch meeting." "Arrange for a junior rally each year." "Supplement as far as possible the direct work of the junior secretaries, being careful to send them all messages from the Board and the executive committee of the Branch."

#### BETWEEN JUNIOR AUXILIARIES AND MISSION CIRCLES AND CRADLE ROLLS.

Naturally the promotion of these interests would fall upon the officers or members of the junior auxiliary. Under their fostering care the gradation from cradle roll to mission circle and to the junior auxiliary is simple and

easy, and none of the young members need be lost from the older organizations. At times the members are the official leaders of the mission circles, sometimes only assisting in their meetings and general plans, giving encouragement and stimulus as they may be needed.

#### IMPORTANCE OF INCLUDING JUNIOR SECRETARIES IN BRANCH COUNCILS.

Every reply recognizes the importance of including junior secretaries in Branch councils. They "should always form a part of the Branch executive committee, and feel that they share responsibility in all Branch measures, not only in those concerning the junior department."

"A Branch should exercise great care in the choice of its junior secretary. This office requires a person of good common sense and tact, as well as missionary enthusiasm. With such a secretary, the importance of including her in Branch councils can hardly be overestimated. If excluded, one could hardly be expected to work in harmony with the Branch, or win the juniors to union with, or loyalty to it."

"If junior secretaries are Branch officers there would be no reason for excluding them from Branch councils. They may be able to aid greatly in the discussions, and their present and future usefulness depends largely upon their knowledge of Branch affairs.

"The work as a whole should be kept in mind by all Branch officers, that there may be perfect harmony and uniform expansion in the work, which has received careful study in many lights."

#### FROM JUNIOR SECRETARIES.

##### RELATION BETWEEN SENIOR AND JUNIOR SOCIETIES.

Under this head all the junior secretaries express a desire for sympathy and assistance from the senior auxiliaries, for "true love, mutual helpfulness and deep interest in everything that concerns each other." "The senior auxiliary should eagerly advocate and organize the junior auxiliary, and never criticise its workings or dictate to its members after it is organized. I believe it is not only possible, but reasonable for the senior society to recognize the importance of its younger sister, and to assist her so tactfully as to cause the young ladies to realize in their turn that they have no monopoly of plan or purpose, of zeal or efficiency, but that God is using each for the advance of his kingdom." Let the senior auxiliary have a separate fund for the giving of LIFE AND LIGHT to carefully selected juniors; let some senior member occasionally open her house for a junior meeting, taking the opportunity to inquire about their work and offering assistance; let some other person invite to her home the junior leaders, who are apt to feel disheartened at times, and encourage them in their work.

##### RELATION TO THE BRANCH.

Junior auxiliaries "can strengthen the Branch by being represented at its meetings, by informing themselves of the work of the Board,—especially of that of the Branch,—and by contributing to the Branch pledged work. The Branch will promote its junior work in its meetings; first, by seeing that

junior auxiliaries, leaders of mission circles and superintendents of cradle rolls have early and full notices of the meetings, with invitations to attend; and, second, by giving the junior work a prominent place on the programme."

"The presence of youthful vigor always strengthens declining years. Christ did not wait till the time of his death before he sent out the seventy. In so doing his work here was strengthened before his death. Why not apply the same principle to the strengthening of the Branch by the juniors?" "In routine work of the societies, the Branch can promote junior work by asking the assistance of the juniors in preparing programmes for meetings. When sufficient interest has been aroused to warrant it, change the day of the meeting at least once a year to Saturday, so giving the juniors an opportunity to attend."

"The Branch can strengthen the junior societies by having officers who shall make it their especial business to enlist, inspire, and help them; by having public meetings that shall be interesting to them; or securing a speaker who has talent in winning them, to visit every one, if possible, explaining over and over, if need be, as the constituency changes, what the W. B. M. stands for and how it works, and what their responsibility is, and especially by holding in its pledged work some specific lines from which they can secure or prepare good, regular and interesting information, that shall be given to them as their part of the responsibility.

"As is the auxiliary so are the junior organizations. Anyone who has undertaken plant culture knows the process of securing healthful new growth. The best plants furnish the best seeds or cuttings, or the best bulbs are saved to multiply, and they are not set out or planted at random, but under right conditions of soil and light and water. If auxiliaries are indifferent the junior societies are short lived."

The ideal Branch has a junior secretary who lives for her work, and to her above all the officers of the Branch is intrusted the rousing of the uninformed and the enthusing of all the young people within the Branch limits. If a true servant of Christ, the junior secretary uses every particle of her influence to reach her charges, and by her consecrated effort the Branch is kept in touch with those on whom its very life depends.

#### RELATION OF JUNIOR AUXILIARIES TO MISSION CIRCLES AND CRADLE ROLLS.

"As children working together in the best family relation," "as links in one chain, the junior auxiliary should be to the mission circle what the senior auxiliary is to the junior."

#### IMPORTANCE OF INCLUDING THE JUNIOR SECRETARY IN BRANCH COUNCILS.

All the replies on this point show that it is very important that the junior secretary should be so included. "The junior secretary of this Branch has always been included in Branch councils, and would feel very much alone without the support and sympathy of the other Branch officers." "One junior secretary has always been included in Branch councils, and does not understand how it would otherwise be possible to conduct the work."

## INSTANCES OF HAPPY RELATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS.

Junior work in some form finds a regular place upon the programmes for Branch meetings; and junior secretaries are found ready to share responsibility in many ways at these meetings.

An annual junior rally held in the early fall, while planned by the secretaries for junior work, and attended by a larger proportion of young people than the other meetings of the year, is still regarded as a Branch meeting, and is attended by Branch officers and other members of senior auxiliaries. A third of our Branch officers are actively engaged in work with juniors, and this includes some connection with Christian Endeavor Societies.

A number of leaders of the mission circles and of the cradle rolls in the Branch are officers in senior auxiliaries. One officer in a senior auxiliary meets with four different groups of "young" people, varying in age from forty-five or fifty years down to the very youngest members of the cradle roll whose years are not yet months. In at least one church the mission circle carries on the monthly concert once or twice a year. The occasional visits of Branch officers with junior societies has always proved helpful. While there is still work enough waiting to be done, yet under the leadership of the one who was the president of our Branch for three times seven years the foundations have been well laid, as the pleasant relations existing between seniors and juniors prove.

At the auxiliary meeting (senior) some one representing the junior society comes in as a herald, bringing word of undertakings, conditions and results among the younger people. I should think it might be well to reverse this method sometimes, and let a messenger from the older society visit the younger, so that each may know what the other is trying to do, and with what success.

In one auxiliary a lady, a year since, gave five subscriptions to LIFE AND LIGHT to what is aiming to be a junior auxiliary. One afternoon I entered a mission circle unobserved, and soon heard one of the leaders telling a story from the magazine. She had never known anything about missions, but through LIFE AND LIGHT had become interested enough to help in the mission circle. It was a good answer to the remark made when it was proposed to give the subscriptions,—“They won’t read it if you give it to them.” In one place some of the members of the junior auxiliary act as collectors for the seniors. One writes: “I believe that in the organization of our missionary work the senior auxiliary should have under its direct supervision every other department,—junior auxiliary, mission circle and cradle roll, each—with perhaps the exception of the junior auxiliary—superintended by a committee appointed by the senior auxiliary at its annual meeting. At this meeting there should be submitted a written report of the year’s work in each department. This has been the plan pursued by one church for more than twenty-five years, and has proved a success. It is the plan that I have urged throughout our Branch, and has been successful wherever tried.”

“Our best growth has been in cases where the auxiliary has kindled a flame in the heart of some woman to start a cradle roll. Then the interest started must be preserved in a mission circle, and so on.

"It was a mother, whose own interest had been secured by attendance at missionary meetings, whose little daughter prayed two years that they might have a mission circle in their church like those elsewhere of which the mother had heard. It was a committee of the officers of the auxiliary society that called the first meeting of the circle that came from the prayer. It was the mother, who knew what it would mean in the future to her own children, who led the circle, even though it involved her in a ride of three miles, but that circle's life is drawn from the heart of the auxiliary."

"Seventeen years ago, in a certain church, there was no junior auxiliary. The senior auxiliary felt the need of one. The president talked up the matter in several of the Sunday-school classes, and finally brought it before the whole school. A couple of the Branch officers and the auxiliary president called the young people together, and a mission band was formed, which existed as such for more than a dozen years, when it was merged into another society, remaining auxiliary to the Branch. The president of the senior auxiliary was a warm, helpful friend to the Band. To her the newly elected officers went with their difficulties. From her they received counsel and encouragement. Practical help came in the form of bright missionary clippings and leaflets, with suggestions as to how they might be utilized in making programmes. 'Go thou and do likewise,' we would say to the senior auxiliary in whose church there is no junior auxiliary to be related to."

"More recent years have brought experience in another church. Here, although there is no constitution binding the senior and junior auxiliaries together, the leaders and workers of the younger society feel a strong, helpful sympathy emanating from the senior society. The word of encouragement and of appreciation is not withheld. Frequently senior members visit the meetings of the mission band, sometimes to introduce new members. Real interest is shown by them in the efforts of the juniors, and pleasure is manifested when these efforts prove successful. We sometimes hear that our juniors are an inspiration to the seniors. If this be true, it is but another proof that 'he that watereth shall be watered also himself.'"

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## Our Work at Home.

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### CONVENTION OF THE STUDENT VOLUNTEER MOVEMENT.

No more remarkable event passes in review before those who are watching for the signs of the coming kingdom of our Lord than the Student Volunteer Convention, which occurs every four years, or once in the period of a student's college life. The fourth of these quadrennial gatherings was held in Toronto, Canada, February 26th to March 2d. Of the presiding officer, Mr. John R. Mott, it is hardly necessary to say more than that the Movement, which owes so much to his consecrated spirit and wise guidance, was

blessed once more on this occasion by his leadership. While of necessity calling attention to some individuals who figured prominently as speakers and leaders at this time, we would follow the spirit of the Convention as closely as may be, and say less of men than of the brooding power of God, who, in a marked degree, inspired thought and action. Statistics will tell the significant story of the representation at this Convention, and are as follows: Registered delegates, 2,955, of whom 2,296 were students and 212 professors, coming from 465 colleges and theological seminaries; 82 secretaries of mission Boards; 107 returned missionaries; and 28 editors of religious papers.

Mr. Mott's report for the four years since the last Convention showed wonderful progress in all lines of this work among students. There are 1,953 Volunteers already upon the field. In the last four years sixty per cent more have gone to the foreign field than in the preceding period. A mighty religious influence has been exerted by the Movement in the colleges and other institutions, about 800 of which have been reached by its efforts. The number of students in mission study classes has doubled within four years, showing a present enrollment of 4,797. The question is sometimes raised whether the leaders of this remarkable Movement consecrate themselves to the work upon the foreign field, and receives inspiring reply in the following figures: "Of the 46 Volunteers who have served the Movement as members or secretaries of the executive committee, 27 have sailed, and nine are either under appointment or have applied to the Boards. Of the remainder, five have been prevented from going by ill health, and four are still in preparation." We note briefly, but with deep interest, the policy of the Movement for the next four years: First, that the number of students engaged in the study of missions be greatly increased; second, more students of real promise and ability should be enrolled as volunteers; third, the best possible preparation of volunteers for their life work should be promoted; fourth, every effort should be made to hold the volunteers true to their life purpose ("In the beginning of the Movement the Church needed men who were willing to go; now she needs men unwilling to stay"); fifth, those students whom God prevents from going abroad should be led to feel their responsibility for this work at home; sixth, directly and indirectly, the Movement should seek to develop the spiritual life of the colleges and theological seminaries; and, seventh, the solidarity of the Movement as a worldwide student missionary uprising should be accentuated. A desire for closer co-operation with mission Boards was expressed several times during the Convention, and awakened a hearty response on the part of the representatives of these Boards.

Conspicuous among the speakers, whose words instructed and inspired all hearers, were Mr. Robert E. Speer of the Presbyterian Board of Missions, New York; Rev. Prebendary Fox, Honorary Secretary of the Church Missionary Society of England; Bishop Thoburn, missionary Bishop of India, Methodist; Dr. and Mrs. Howard Taylor of the China Inland Mission. The spirit of the Convention did not exhaust itself in the earnestness and thoughtfulness which characterized the vast audiences gathered in Massey Hall. It became necessary to organize overflow meetings for the benefit of the thou-

sands who could not gain admittance to the hall, and for this purpose the Metropolitan Methodist Church was utilized each evening. Even this provision proved inadequate, and on the last two evenings a Presbyterian church, with a seating capacity of three thousand, was also filled to the utmost. The afternoons were devoted to sectional meetings, which were held in various churches throughout the city. On Thursday afternoon the various mission fields were considered. Turkey, Persia and Egypt were classified together,—Dr. C. H. Daniels, of the American Board, presiding. Here the voices of many missionaries were heard, including those of Misses Pohl and Fensham of the Woman's Board of Missions, and Mr. Wingate of the American Board. On Friday afternoon the sectional meetings took the form of denominational rallies. The Congregational rally was presided over by Mr. L. D. Wishard,—Dr. Daniels making a valuable address on the points where workers are needed imperatively at the present time, and the essential equipment for these posts. Saturday afternoon meetings were devoted to the consideration of special phases of the work, as educational, medical, evangelistic, editorial and leaders of young people's movements.

On Sunday afternoon a mass meeting for the people of Toronto was held in Massey Music Hall, while large numbers of the guests of the Convention were distributed throughout the churches of the city, filling pulpits, addressing Sunday schools, and lending their aid in many other ways. At the closing session on Sunday evening, for delegates only, the teachings of the five days were gathered up and pressed home upon the hearts of all present. This meeting was rendered particularly impressive by the band of one hundred and thirty Volunteers who rose together when those who are expecting to go to their fields within the next twelve months were called for. All fields were mentioned by them as one after another told his goal, and the reasons given by them for their choice showed obedience to the heavenly vision, with no regard for selfish aims. Cable messages were read at this last session from many parts of the world. From Calcutta came the words, "The fields are white, the time is short; send Volunteers full of faith and power." From Shanghai: "One million students, leaders of four hundred million suddenly awakened., Pray. North China calls fill up the gaps." From Tokyo, "Christ conquers Japan," signed by one hundred former members of the Volunteer bands of Great Britain and America. And so passed into history the Fourth International Convention, and the influences which had met there from all over the world, all concentrating upon the matchless theme of the world's evangelization, scattered again to diffuse as widely the new-born inspiration. Topic cards given the delegates for their consideration on their homeward way ended with the pivotal thought, "It is God that worketh in you both to will and to do."

KATE G. LAMSON.

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### OUR BOOK TABLE.

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The highly intellectual and well-equipped modern missionary frequently adds to his faith in the ultimate success of Christian missions such a thorough knowledge of the country where he dwells, and the people among whom he works, that he becomes a specialist as could not well be evolved in any other way.

Who made India so well known to us years before it was visited by the globe tourist, as the founder of Methodist missions in India—Dr. Wm. Butler—in his fascinating book on the *Land of the Veda?* We are indebted to a missionary for first opening up *The Middle Kingdom*,—S. Wells Williams,—whose stately two volumes were for years the standard history of China to the Occidental student.

Dr. M. L. Gordon's *American Missionary in Japan* was reviewed favorably by the *Nation*, a paper that could hardly be considered a partisan pleader for missions. And no one has made us so well acquainted with China and its multitudinous millions as the author of the latest phase of this ancient empire, *China in Convulsion*. After reading that wise and witty book, *Chinese Characteristics*, we seemed introduced to the interior of a Chinaman's brain and all its curious convolutions. *Village Life in China* acquainted us with the teeming life of those populous towns, for it is said that Chinese cities and villages are like a basket of eggs,—if one is well-known, the others are but duplicates. *The Critic* says, "There is all the difference between an intaglio in onyx and a pencil scrawl on paper to be discovered between Mr. Smith's books and the printed prattle of the average globe trotter."

The prefatory note is dated at Tientsin, June, 1901, and the volumes are "affectionately inscribed," "To my wife, who before the siege in Peking, during the siege, and after the siege, was a succorer of many, and of myself also, in memory of thirty years of partnership, all of them associated with the Celestial Empire."

To our readers Mrs. Arthur H. Smith is as well-known as her husband, by her vivid pen portrayals of Chinese life, and those who have had the pleasure of hearing her speak know that her husband's rapid and felicitous utterance is fully equaled by her own.

During the anxious days of the siege Dr. Smith was the editorial correspondent of the *Outlook*, and many of the chapters of these volumes were first published in that enterprising weekly. Numerous illustrations and maps and an index add to the attractiveness and value of the volumes.

Dr. Smith acknowledges his indebtedness to Mrs. D. Z. Sheffield, of Tung-cho, "for the collection and arrangement of most of the narratives of the experiences of Chinese Christians during the Convulsion,"—a very graphic and unique addition to the recital. The nineteen chapters of the first volume are largely given up to the genesis of the Boxer Movement, and the misunderstandings and complications leading up to this outbreak. Volume second deals with siege life and its relief, and what followed during a twelvemonth of foreign occupation, together with notable experiences and personal narratives. These books will be widely read by those who are either indifferent or hostile to Christian missions, and we rejoice that such an acknowledged expert as our author agrees with the following quotation

from the *North China Daily News*, "The charge that missionaries have manifested an improper desire to see vengeance done on the perpetrators of last year's outrages is, except in possible isolated cases, as unfounded as Mark Twain's ignorant charges against Dr. Ament and his colleagues in Peking and its vicinity." Dr. Smith also quotes Minister Conger's remark, "I am prepared to justify the conduct of the missionaries before the siege, during the siege, and after the siege."

The closing sentence is full of hope: "When Christianity shall have been thoroughly tested, and have had opportunity to develop its potentialities, it will give to China intellectually, morally and spiritually the elixir of a new life."

G. H. C.

## SIDELIGHTS FROM PERIODICALS.

THE Philippines hold the unique position of being to us both home and foreign missionary ground. A comprehensive account of the progress made by our Government in the educational system devised for the Filipinos may be found in the *March Atlantic*, by the Superintendent of Education, Frederick Atkinson.

Albania is a section of Turkey we hear less of than of other portions, yet from it we have pupils in our mission schools, and an article upon that province may be of interest in *English Illustrated Magazine*, February.

The question of Chinese Exclusion is discussed pro and con in the *March Forum* and *Arena*. In the *Forum*, also, Chas. Denby, former United States minister to China, explains the "Duties of a Minister to China."

"Coming Events in Central Asia" are forecast by D. C. Boulger, in February *Contemporary Review*.

*Review of Reviews*, March, "Practical Missions," by Edwin M. Bliss. This is at once a review of Dr. James S. Dennis's late book, "Centennial Survey of Foreign Missions," and also an explanation of the "Bureau of Missions" established in New York City, in three departments.

M. L. D.

## TOPICS FOR AUXILIARY MEETINGS.

### TOPIC FOR MAY.

Our present work in Bulgaria and Macedonia.

We leave our study of the growth of missions this month, and take up the work of our own Board in Bulgaria and Macedonia, known as the European Turkey Mission. A condensed account of this region will be found in *American Board Almanac of Missions*, page 18. The mission has attracted special attention as being the scene of Miss Stone's life work and abduction. The mission has been specially rich in its workers. An account of them will be found in the *Lesson Supplement* for May, which may be procured at the Rooms.

Recent copies of the *Missionary Herald* contain the following articles: March, 1901, page 98, has an interesting sketch of Elias Riggs, D.D., LL.D. April, 1901, page 145, contains an account of the "Collegiate and Theological Institute at Samokov," by J. L. Barton, D.D. "Church Building at Salonica" will be found in

the October *Herald*, 1899. "Salonica Station," page 111, March, 1900. "Philippopolis," page 136, April, 1900. "Christian Workers' Convention in European Turkey at Salonica," page 141, April, 1900.

Missionary Service No. 1 on Bulgaria is a full and attractive programme on this mission, prepared by Rev. W. W. Sleeper. It can be obtained of Rev. Dr. Hitchcock, Secretary A. B. C. F. M., 153 La Salle Street, Chicago. (Inclose stamp.)

A sketch of the European Turkey Mission of the American Board, by Rev. J. F. Clarke, D.D., can be had by applying to the Congregational House, Boston.

The *LIFE AND LIGHT* gives us, among other articles in recent volumes, the following: "Relief Work in Varna," February, 1898, page 58. Letter from Dr. Clark, October, 1899, page 458. "Chrysanthemum Story" will be found in February and March numbers of 1900. Extract from a letter from Miss Stone is in *LIFE AND LIGHT* for May, 1901, page 217. "The Abduction of Miss Stone" is the opening article of the November, 1901, number. The December number for 1901 contains an article on pages 543-545, written by Miss Stone, in the Annual Report of the Mission, on "Woman's Evangelistic Work in Macedonia."

The daily papers and current magazines have been filled with descriptions of Bulgaria and Macedonia, and most interesting items can be found by leaders of auxiliaries, which have grown in number since "our captive" is free. We would mention an illustrated article in *Everybody's Magazine*, the January number, 1902, pages 45-55.

M. J. B.

## WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

*Receipts from January 18, 1902, to February 13, 1902.*

MISS SARAH LOUISE DAY, Treasurer.

### MAINE.

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| <i>Brunswick.</i> —Birthday Th. Off.,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 5 00          |
| <i>Eastern Maine Branch.</i> —Mrs. J. S. Wheelwright, Treas. Bremen, Aux., 3; Foxcroft, Piscataquis Conf. Coll., 1.05; Hampden, M. B., 10; Machias, Aux., 22.50; Rockland, Women's Asso., 25.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 61 55         |
| <i>Western Maine Branch.</i> —Mrs. C. C. Chapman, Treas. Auburn, High St. Ch., Y. L. M. B., 20; Bath, Central Cong. Ch., 20.25; Centre Lebanon, 7; Gorham, Aux. (of wh. 25 const. L. M. Mrs. George S. Adams), 40; North Berwick, Judge Hobbs, in mem. of Mrs. Ellen F. Hobbs, 25; Portland, High St. Ch., 79.50, Seamen's Bethel Ch., 9.21, Cov. Dau., 8, Second Parish Ch., 26.91, State St. Ch., 75, Aux., 94.45, Williston Ch., Aux., 14.35, West Ch., 85 cts., Woodfords Ch., 3.40, Warren Ch., Cumberland Mills, 1, Westbrook Ch., 40 cts., Yarmouth Ch., Aux., 14.35, Other sources, 6.68. Less expenses, 7.36, | 438 99        |
| <b>Total,</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>505 54</b> |

### NEW HAMPSHIRE.

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| <i>New Hampshire Branch.</i> —Mrs. Allen L. French, Treas. Barrington, Aux., 13.20; Hancock, Jr. C. E. Soc., 1.50; Keene, First Ch., M. C., 10, Cradle Roll, 9.55; Littleton, Aux., 44.11; Newport, Cong. Ch., 9, | 87 36        |
| <b>Total,</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>87 36</b> |

### LEGACIES.

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| <i>North Hampton.</i> —Legacy of Abbie Gove, additional, through Treasurer of New Hampshire Branch, | 150 00 |
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| <i>Orford.</i> —Legacy of Myra S. Lane, additional, through Treasurer of New Hampshire Branch, | 1 00 |
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### VERMONT.

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| <i>Bennington Centre.</i> —A Friend, 1; Morgan, A Friend, 40 cts.; Waitsfield, A Friend, 80 cts,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 2 20          |
| <i>Vermont Branch.</i> —Mrs. T. M. Howard, Treas. Barnet, 4.50; Brattleboro, West, Aux., 5, S. S., 10; Burlington, First Ch., 20, Coll. St. Ch., 30.25; Cambridge, Aux., 2, C. E. Soc., 1; Fairfax, Mrs. A. B. B., 2; Ferrisburgh, 10.25; Franklin, Aux., 3, C. E. Soc., 1.50; Highgate, 2, C. E. Soc., 1.50; Hyde Park, North, Jr. C. E. Soc., 1; Ludlow, C. E. Soc., 10; Lyndon, Aux., 5; Rutland, Aux., 58, S. S., 20; St. Albans, C. E. Soc., 5; St. Johnsbury, South Ch., C. E. Soc., 5, North Ch., Aux., 10.55; Townshend, 5; Underhill, Th. Off., 10; Woodstock, 45, | 267 55        |
| <b>Total,</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>269 75</b> |

### MASSACHUSETTS.

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| <i>Andover and Woburn Branch.</i> —Mrs. G. W. Dinsmore, Treas. Andover, South Ch., C. E. Soc., 5; Chelmsford Centre, Aux. (with prev. contri. const. L. M. Mrs. Rebecca Frances Park), 10; Lawrence, Trinity Ch., C. E. Soc., 5; Lexington, Aux. (of wh. 25 const. L. M. Mrs. N. H. Merriam), 101.85; Lowell, First Ch., Aux. (with prev. contri. const. L. M's Mrs. Caroline E. Holt, Miss Hannah Varnum, Mrs. Helen Osgood |  |
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| Graves), Cradle Roll, 5; Maplewood, Jr. C. E. Soc., 6.34, Cradle Roll, 5.66; Montvale, C. E. Soc., 3.10; Wakefield, Aux., 25; Woburn, Woburn Workers, 32,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 158 95   |  |
| <i>Auburn</i> .—Mrs. Brainerd Rich,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 20 00    |  |
| <i>Berkshire Branch</i> .—Mrs. Chas. E. West, Treas. Adams, Aux., 25; Canaan Four Corners, Aux., 12; Lee, November Club, 11.46; North Adams, Aux. (of wh. 50 const. L. M.'s Mrs. Eliza M. Harrison, Mrs. J. C. Goodrich), 201.44; West Stockbridge, C. E. Soc., 10,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 259 90   |  |
| <i>Boston</i> .—Mr. James H. Ross,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 5 00     |  |
| <i>Essex South Branch</i> .—Miss Nannie L. Odell, Treas. Beverly, Dane St. Ch., Aux. (with prev. contri. const. L. M.'s Mrs. S. J. Byington, Ruth Byington), Y. P. Miss. Soc., 10; Danvers, Maple St. Ch., Aux., 20; Special gift from Branch,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 38 00    |  |
| <i>Middlesex Branch</i> .—Mrs. E. H. Bigelow, Treas. Wellesley, Aux., 22, Wellesley College, Y. W. Ch. Asso., 180,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 202 00   |  |
| <i>Norfolk and Pilgrim Branch</i> .—Miss Sarah B. Tirrell, Treas. Braintree, Light Bearers, 2.24; Braintree, South, Aux., 5; Brockton, First Ch., Aux., 120, Porter Ch., Aux., 52.14; East Norfolk, C. E. Union (Wollaston, C. E. Soc.), 15, Halifax, Aux., 24.31, C. E. Soc., 5; Hanover, Aux., 6; Hanson, C. E. Soc., 2; Hingham, Aux. to const. L. M. Miss Lizzie Cushing, 25, S. S., 9.52; Holbrook, Aux., 54; Manomet, C. E. Soc., 1; Marshfield, Aux., 9.66; Plympton, Prim. Dept., S. S. 90 cts.; Quincy, Bethany Ch., Jr. C. E. Soc., 10; Rockland, Aux., 20.77; Scituate Centre, Aux. (of wh. 25 const. L. M. Miss Annie F. Pierce), 28.57; Stoughton, Aux., 5, Jr. C. E. Soc., 1; Weymouth and Braintree, Aux., 25; Weymouth, South, Old South Ch., Aux., 15; Wollaston, Aux., 96.27; Th. Off. at Weymouth and Braintree as follows: Braintree, Light Bearers, 5.60; Milton, Aux., 20.40; Stoughton, Aux., 1; Weymouth, South Union Ch., Aux., 32.75; Wollaston, Aux., 22; Other sources, 10.30,                                        | 625 43   |  |
| <i>No. Middlesex Branch</i> .—Mrs. Lydia R. Hudson, Treas. Fitchburg, Rollstone Ch., Aux.,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 70 38    |  |
| <i>Old Colony Branch</i> .—Miss Frances J. Rannels, Treas. Attleboro, Second Cong. Ch., S. S., 40, Ch. Offs., 2; Berkeley, Woman's Cent Soc., 10; Fairhaven, Aux., 1; Fall River, Aux., 330, First Ch., Mrs. Dr. Richards, 25, Aux., 20; Taunton, Winslow, C. E. Soc., 17.50, Cradle Roll, 6.15; Rochester, C. E. Soc., 10,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 461 65   |  |
| <i>Salem</i> .—Friends,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 15 00    |  |
| <i>Shutesbury</i> .—A Friend,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 40       |  |
| <i>Springfield Branch</i> .—Mrs. Mary H. Mitchell, Treas. Huntington, Mrs. Schuyler Clark, 1; Palmer, Second Ch., Aux., 10; South Hadley Falls, Aux. (with prev. contri. const. L. M. Miss Elizabeth Gaylord); Springfield, First Ch., Aux., 4, Park Ch., Aux., 11.20, C. E. Soc., 5; West Springfield, First Ch., Aux., 10.50,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 41 70    |  |
| <i>Suffolk Branch</i> .—Miss Myra B. Child, Treas. Auburndale, Y. L. Aux., 41; Boston, "Self Denial," 5, Friends, 21, A Friend, 3, Berkeley Temple, Aux., 10, C. E. Soc., 19, Central Ch., Aux., 860, Mt. Vernon Ch., Aux., 40, Old South Ch.,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |          |  |
| A Friend, 2, Shawmut Ch., Shawmut M. C., 55, Union Ch., Aux., 25; Brookline, Harvard Ch., Aux. (50 Memorial, Feb. 1st), 125.65; Cambridge, First Ch., Aux., 124, Pilgrim Ch., Y. L. Aux., 18.24; Charlestown, First Ch., Aux., 21; Chelsea, Third Ch., Aux., 28, Floral Circle, 5; Dorchester, Second Ch., Aux., 59.69, Pilgrim Ch., Jr. C. E. Soc., 25; East Boston, Ladies of Maverick Ch., 16; Foxboro, Aux. (of wh. 25 const. L. M. Mrs. Mary Bridge), 40; Medfield, Aux., 11; Newton, Eliot Ch., C. E. Soc., 10, Helpers, 21.50; Newton Centre, First Ch., Aux., 90.30; Roxbury, Eliot Ch., Aux., 89, C. E. Soc., 17.23, Walnut Ave. Ch., Aux., 25; Somerville, Broadway Cong. Ch., Aux., 63.63, Earnest Workers' M. C., 10, Highland Ch., Aux., 5, Prospect Hill Ch., C. E. Soc., 1, Winter Hill Ch., Y. L. M. Soc., 20; South Boston, Phillips Ch., Aux., Miss Lucinda Smith to const. L. M. Miss Louise Gordon Russell, 25; Waverly, Aux., 15.15; Wellesley Farms, A Friend, 10; Wellesley Hills, Aux., 74.25; West Roxbury, Aux., 24.50, | 2,056 14 |  |
| <i>Turner's Falls</i> .—First Cong. Ch., L. M. Soc., Mrs. B. W. Mayo,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 12 00    |  |
| <i>West Boylston</i> .—A Friend,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 80       |  |
| <i>Worcester Co. Branch</i> .—Mrs. Martha D. Tucker, Treas. Charlton, Cong. Ch., 5; Globe Village, Aux., 5; Petersham, Miss Elizabeth B. Dawes, 200, Aux. (with prev. contri. const. L. M. Mrs. P. R. Crowell); South Royalton, Aux., 5; Warren, Aux., 8.30; Webster, First Cong. Ch., 10; Whitinsville, E. C. D. Band, 14.06; Worcester, Central Ch., Aux., 116.90, Old South Ch., Aux., 40, Park Ch., Aux., 5,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 409 26   |  |
| Total,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 4,416 61 |  |
| LEGACIES.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |          |  |
| <i>Arlington</i> .—Legacy of Alfred Tufts, in memory of his wife, Caroline M. Tufts, George D. Moore and Arthur T. Tufts, Exrs.,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 200 00   |  |
| <i>Boston</i> .—Legacy of Mrs. Susan D. Warren, Samuel D. Warren, Fiske Warren, Exrs.,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1,000 00 |  |
| <i>Worcester</i> .—Legacy of Albert Curtis,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 82 00    |  |
| <i>Worcester</i> .—Legacy of Harriet Wheeler Damon, additional,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 5 50     |  |
| RHODE ISLAND.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |          |  |
| <i>Rhode Island Branch</i> .—Mrs. Clara J. Barnefield, Treas. Barrington, Bayside Gleaners, 50, Prim. Class, S. S., 8.10; Central Falls, Aux., 47.04, C. E. Soc., 3; East Providence, Armington's Corners Jrs., 2.40, C. E. Soc., 1, Newman Ch., C. E. Soc., 5; Newport, United Ch., Aux., 250, S. S., 250; Pawtucket, Park Pl. Ch., Jr. C. E. Soc., 5; Peace Dale, C. E. Soc., 20; River Point, C. E. Soc., 20; Saylesville, Sayles Mem. Chapel, Y. M. Miss. Soc., 5, C. E. Soc., 3.13; Slatersville, Aux. and S. S., 11, Interest to date, 4.09; Providence, Pilgrim Ch., Aux., 66.93, Little Pilgrims, 35, Plymouth Ch., Aux., 13.50, Morning Stars, 10,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 810 19   |  |
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## CONNECTICUT.

In memory of S. P. C., 25 00

*Eastern Conn. Branch.*—Miss Mary I. Lockwood, Treas. Danielson, Aux., 27.27; East Willington, S. S., 1; Exeter, A Friend, 2; Griswold, Aux., 1; Greeneville, S. S., 9.45; Hampton, Aux., 15; Lebanon, First Ch., C. E. Soc., 4; Lyme, Aux., 18; Woodstock, Aux., 14.59, Th. Off., 19.90, Cradle Roll, 2.82, 115 03

*Hartford Branch.*—Mrs. M. Bradford Scott, Treas. Ellington, C. E. Soc., 5.82; Enfield, Aux., 47; Farmington, Aux., 20; Hartford, Asylum Hill Ch., Aux., 2, Mrs. C. B. Smith, 10, Mrs. S. T. Davison, 10, Farmington Ave. Ch., M. C., 40, First Ch., Aux., 1, Park Ch., Aux., 40, S. S., 30, Windsor Ave. Ch., Aux., 67.75; New Britain, First Ch., Aux., 146.73; Plainville, Aux., 35; Terryville, Dau. of Cov., 1.82; Unionville, Prim. S. S. Class, 9.50; Wethersfield, Aux., 23.33; West Hartford, M. C., 5, 494 95

*New Haven Branch.*—Miss Julia Twining, Treas. Ansonia, Jr. C. E. Soc., 5; Beacon Falls, Un. Ch., C. E. Soc., 5; Bethany, Aux., 2; Bethlehem, Jr. C. E. Soc., 3; Bridgeport, Park St. Ch., C. E. Soc., 5; Canaan, Pilgrim Ch., C. E. Soc., 15; Centrebrook, C. E. Soc., 15, Jr. C. E. Soc., 1; Cheshire, Aux., 59.65; Chester, Aux., 10.05; Colebrook, C. E. Soc., 4; Cornwall, C. E. Soc., 10; Cromwell, Eaton Circle, 36.50; Danbury, First Ch., Aux., 83.21; East Canaan, C. E. Soc., 5; Essex, C. E. Soc., 5; Goshen, C. E. Soc., 15, Jr. C. E. Soc., 5; Greenwich, Aux., 23; Housatonic, C. E. Union, 5; Ivoryton, Jr. C. E. Soc., 9; Killingworth, Aux., 15; Little Haddam, C. E. Soc., 10; Meriden, First Ch., Jr. C. E. Soc., 2; Middlebury, C. E. Soc., 15; Middlefield, C. E. Soc., 5.29; Milton, C. E. Soc., 10; Morris, C. E. Soc., 10; Nepaug, C. E. Soc., 5; New Canaan, Jr. C. E. Soc., 2; New Haven, Yale College Ch., Aux., 60; Newtown, C. E. Soc., 3; Norfolk, C. E. Soc., 2; North Haven, C. E. Soc., 5.61; North Woodbury, C. E. Soc., 25; Plymouth, C. E. Soc., 5; Salisbury, C. E. Soc., 3; Sound Beach, First Cong. Ch., L. M. Soc., 21; South Britain, C. E. Soc., 5; Stamford, Aux., 25, C. E. Soc., 10; Stratford, C. E. Soc., 10; Wallingford, First Cong. Ch., 17; Warren, C. E. Soc., 16; Waterbury, Third Ch., Dau. of Cov., 11.63; Watertown, C. E. Soc., 10; West Cornwall, C. E. Soc., 25, Jr. C. E. Soc., 1; Westport, Aux., 10; West Torrington, C. E. Soc., 5; Winchester, C. E. Soc., 4.20; Winsted, First Ch., C. E. Soc., 5, Second Ch., C. E. Soc., 20; Woodbury, First Ch., Aux., 7.60, 702 74

Total, 1,337 72

## NEW YORK.

*Castile.*—Mrs. E. S. Beckwith, 6; New York, Mrs. George S. Hickok, 5; Fredonia, A Friend, 1, 12 00

*New York State Branch.*—Mrs. F. M. Turner, Treas. Albany, Aux., 30; Arlington, N. J., M. W. P., 5; Brooklyn, Central Ch., Aux., 166.67, Evangel Circle, King's Guild, 25, Mrs. T. P. Wilkinson, 10, Immanuel Ch., Aux., 13, Lewis Ave Ch., Evangel Circle (of wh. 25 const.

L. M. Mrs. Bertrand C. Smith), 44, Tompkins Ave. Ch., Aux., 121.12, Willoughby Ave. S. S., 33; Cambria Centre, C. E. Soc., 5; Clifton Springs, A. G. W., 15; Cortland, Aux. (const. L. M's Mrs. Eleanor Wright, Mrs. Esther Dalton), 50; Deansboro, Dau. of Cov., 4.50; Elmira, Aux., 15; Fairport, Aux., 13; Flushing, Aux., 52.25, C. E. Soc., 10; Gaines, Aux., 3; Homer, Aux., 36.82; Lysander, C. E. Soc., 2.60; Middletown, First Ch., Aux., 20; Napoli, Aux., 10; New York, Broadway Tab., Aux., 200, Manhattan Ch., Aux., 32.05, Pilgrim Ch., Aux., 35; Patchogue, Aux., 21; Poughkeepsie, Aux. (25 const. L. M. Mrs. Elizabeth Propson), 30; Riverhead, Aux. and S. (with prev. contri. const. L. M's Mrs. S. M. Foster, Mrs. H. F. Terry, Mrs. B. F. Howell), 65, S. S., 10, Sound Ave. S. S., 17; Rocky Point, Mrs. M. S. Hallock, 15; Sidney, C. E. Soc., 8; Smyrna, Aux., 10; Syracuse, Plymouth Ch., Aux., 90.70; Wadham's Mills, Aux., 5; Walton, Aux., 24.38; Warsaw, Aux., 70, 1,318 09

Total, 1,330 09

## PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

*Philadelphia Branch.*—Miss Emma Flavell, Treas. Washington, D. C., First Ch., Aux., Miss Huntington, 40; Philadelphia, Pa., Central Ch., Aux. (with prev. contri. const. L. M's Miss Mary J. Jennison, Miss Anna M. Martin, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Sheldon, Mrs. C. E. Carr), 40 00

Total, 40 00

## NORTH CAROLINA.

*Southern Pines.*—Mrs. Anna M. Foster, 5, Harriet A. Barrows, 5, 10 00

Total, 10 00

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SMYRNA.

BY SUSAN MERRILL FARNAM.

WHAT a bright, brave set of people the missionaries are! Educated, cultivated, progressive, enthusiastic, devoted,—one cannot find anywhere a class of men and women who come nearer one's ideal than here. If a person who "does not believe in foreign missions," and who considers a missionary a second or third rate individual, could spend a few days among them, if he were not converted it would be owing simply to his own stupidity.

In our goings to and fro and wanderings up and down on the earth, it chanced that we alighted for two or three days in the city of Smyrna. Here, without any previous acquaintance, or planning, and with no bond but the strong one of a mutual love for the missionary cause, we were taken at once into the heart and home of a missionary by Miss Bartlett of the Huntington kindergarten, and the days we spent there will always be remembered as red-letter ones.

The grave of the martyr Polycarp is at Smyrna. Polycarp was a pupil of the Apostle John and a teacher of Irenæus. His grave is on a high hill over-

looking the city and the surrounding country. It is close to the stadium where he was burned in 155 or 160 A. D., and is acknowledged to be authentic. The Turks own it now and have built a cenotaph over it, and count him one of their saints, under the name of Josef. They keep a green turban wound around his headstone, thus signifying to the world that he was a good Mahometan, although he died some four hundred years before Mahomet was born.

We spent one delightful day at Ephesus, a description of which deserves an article by itself. The great pleasure of our stay at Smyrna, however, was in visiting the mission schools and the Collegiate Institute of the A. B. C. F. M., and in making the acquaintance of the teachers and the faculty. At the girls' school there were one hundred and fifty pupils. We met them at morning prayers, and had the opportunity of seeing them all together. They seemed such a bright, happy, earnest company. There is a flourishing society of King's Daughters in the school. They publish a paper called *Light in the East*, and its motto is, "Walk as children of the light." They support a girl in a mission school in India and maintain a free bed in Dr. Bolton's hospital in Smyrna, besides other benevolent work.

The principal, Miss McCallum, was absent in America, but the affairs of the school were being successfully carried on by Miss Pohl, Miss Mills and Miss Platt, with several assistants, among whom were Miss Garabedian and Julia and Photika, formerly of the Brousa school. We dined and passed a social evening with these young missionaries in their own private, homelike apartments, and this is how we learned that one of them is a fine singer, one an enthusiastic archæologist, and one a gifted artist, and that all these talents are consecrated to the Master and used for the furtherance of his kingdom.

The kindergarten here is a perpetual delight, not only to the little ones, but to the teachers and friends. One of the brightest, happiest appearing ones of the group is a deaf and dumb boy. Miss Bartlett told us that when he first came to school he had a dreadful temper, and his fits of anger were uncontrollable. One day, after having exhausted all other means of making him obey, she had the kawass take him home, and the thought of not being allowed to come to school any more was such a dreadful punishment to him that he begged to come back, since which time she has had no more trouble with him.

She told us of one family which she visited where the father, after his rent was paid, had two dollars a week to support himself and wife and three children. By close economy they managed to save enough to pay the small tuition necessary for one child; but another, a very bright little girl, wanted to go, and cried every morning because she could not. At last Miss Bartlett

invited her to come as a guest for a day or two, and such a happy little thing as she was. We saw her there, and a kind-hearted tourist friend left the money for a year and tuition, so one child was made the happier for the visit.

We were present at one of the weekly prayer meetings of the native women, which was held in Miss Bartlett's dining room. There were some twenty-four women present; two or three were young women with little children, but most were older and some quite old. Miss Bartlett said that there was scarcely one of them that had not some special load of sorrow or trial to bear, which we could well believe as we looked into their careworn faces. And for them there seemed but one message—the sympathy of Christ.

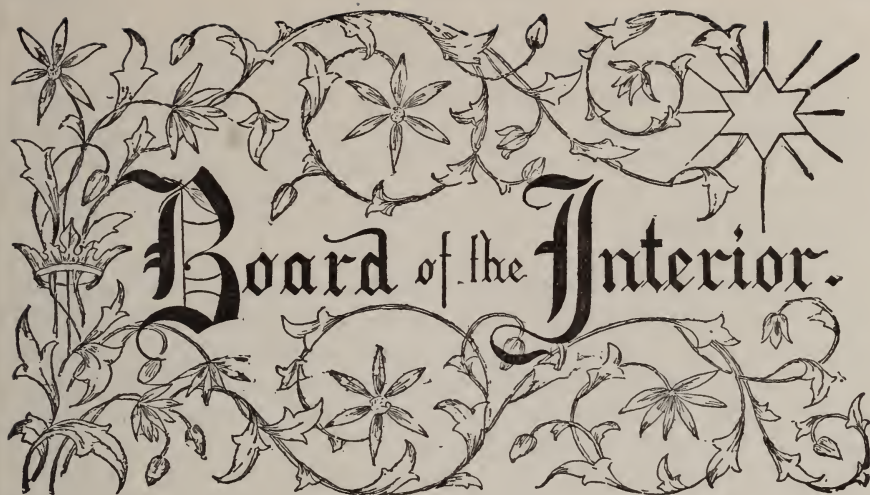
They did not understand our language or we theirs, but Miss Bartlett turned English into Turkish, and we felt sure as we spoke to them that we were all one in Christ Jesus.

The Armenian pastor, Rev. Hagop Tashjian, is a man who truly bears the griefs and carries the sorrows of his people. He is a most intelligent, kind-hearted man, and they come to him with all their troubles, and consult him in all their business affairs. They trust him, and there are not many around them that they can trust.

The face of the Bible woman is an inspiration. The late Mrs. Bartlett was the means of her conversion and of her coming to Smyrna. She has labored here for some years. She took us to see some of the khans where she visits, and they were a revelation as to how some people live. A khan is a square court, surrounded by buildings on four sides; in this case, with what are called dwellings—miserable one-story shanties they were, where one family occupies one room only, and sometimes there were seven children in one family. There were forty families living within this court. The court was not paved, and the drainage was imperfect, if, indeed, there was any at all. The mud was deep from a late rain, and near the part where the sinks were the stench was intolerable. A child in an adjoining hovel had been ill a year. How could it ever get a life-giving breath of pure air! Another khan was smaller, had a paved court and was more tolerable. These khans are owned by the Armenian community, and are rent free to the poor.

These mission schools and colleges that dot the Sultan's dominion, both in Europe and Asia, are bright spots in the outlook for the future, where the sun shines, darkness is dispelled; and the light that is being shed abroad through these schools shall one day shine forth, and ignorance, and shadow, and filth, and degradation, and false religions shall flee away. May God hasten the day!

HEROES AND HEROINES. Do you know what life at a mission outpost means? Try to imagine a loneliness exceeding that of the smallest station to which the government has sent you,—isolation that weighs upon the waking eyelids, and drives you, perforce, headlong into the labors of the day. There is no post; there is no one of your own color to speak to; there are no roads; there is, indeed, food to keep you alive, but it is not pleasant to eat; and whatever of good or beauty or interest there is in your life, must come from yourself and the grace that may be planted in you. In the morning, with the patter of soft feet, the converts, the doubters, and the open scoffers troop up to the veranda. You must be infinitely kind and patient, and, above all, clear sighted, for you deal with the simplicity of childhood, the experience of man, and the subtlety of the savage. Your congregation have a hundred material wants to be considered, and it is for you, as you believe in your personal responsibility to your Maker, to pick out of the clamoring crowd any grain of spirituality that may lie therein. If to the cure of souls you add that of bodies, your task will be all the more difficult; for the sick and the maimed will profess any and every creed for the sake of healing, and will laugh at you because you are simple enough to believe them. As the day wears, and the impetus of the morning dies away, there will come upon you an overwhelming sense of the uselessness of your toil. This must be striven against, and the only spur in your side will be the belief that you are playing against the devil for the living soul. It is a great, a joyous belief; but he who can hold it, unwavering, for four and twenty consecutive hours, must be blessed with an abundantly strong physique and equal nerve. Ask the gray heads of the Bannockburn Medical Crusade what manner of life their preachers lead; speak to the Raoiné Gospel Agency, those Americans whose boast is that they go where no Englishman dare follow; get a pastor of the Tubigen Mission to talk of his experience,—if you can. You will be referred to the printed reports, but these contain no mention of the men who have lost youth and health—all that a man may lose, except faith—in the wilds; of English maidens who have gone forth and died in the fever-stricken jungles of the Panth Hills, knowing from the first that death was almost a certainty. The reports are silent here, because heroism, failure, doubt, despair and self-abnegation on the part of a mere cultured white man are things of no weight as compared to the saving of one half-human soul from a fantastic faith in wood spirits, goblins of the rocks and river fiends.—*Rudyard Kipling, in "The Judgment of Dungara."*



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JESUS RISEN.

All hail! dear Conqueror, all hail!

Oh, what a victory is thine!

How beautiful thy strength appears,

Thy crimson wounds, how bright they shine.

Down, down, all lofty things on earth,

And worship him with joyous dread!

O Sin, thou art outdone by love!

O Death, thou art discomfited!

Ye Heavens, how sang they in your courts,

How sang the angelic choirs that day,

When from his tomb the imprisoned God

Like the strong sunshine broke away?

—F. W. Faber.

## UNITY AMONG MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

THE increasing unity among Christians on broad lines is one of the significant signs of the times. Organic unity, were such a thing possible, is at present, doubtless, out of reach, but "the great underlying unities" being the same among all true believers, a common bond results, as strong as it is precious and lasting.

The "Woman's Missionary Union" forms such a bond, uniting more or less compactly the various missionary societies of village, town or city, for mutual help and fellowship. This may be well compacted with constitution, by-laws and a corps of officers, holding several meetings during the year; or it may be just a thread of organization, lightly binding for a single yearly meeting, but which shall yet express oneness of hope, faith and aim, and allow concert of thought and action.

As an instance of the first class we may mention the "Union" at Springfield, Ill. Organized ten years ago, it affiliates twenty-nine auxiliaries of six denominations, holds three meetings yearly, and gives an annual banquet. It has originated a unique custom, that of a printed schedule of visits, by which each auxiliary sends monthly a visitor to every other society in the Union, thus interchanging about four hundred visits during the year.

As a sample of a less complex organization we will note that of Rockford, Ill., which holds but one afternoon meeting during the Week of Prayer. A single committee emphasizes the work of this Union. To its members are intrusted the securing (by donations from the different societies) of the thirty-four periodicals which crowd the missionary table of their Public Library.

They have also compiled a list of the books in the library which are essentially missionary. This is classified under different headings, not forgetting also a catalogue of bright books calculated to interest children in home and foreign missions. The list now numbers, not including the *Missionary Encyclopedia* and the full series of the bound volumes of the *Missionary Review*, about one hundred and eighty volumes.

One "new departure" has signalized the present year. Just back of the table they have placed a leaflet case with compartments, where are congregated over six hundred sample leaflets of the various denominations. Those on the same general subject are placed together under covers, for better preservation. There are ninety-nine of these packages, and their contents range from instructions and stories concerning the baby band and cradle roll to abstruse papers on ethical subjects. There are leaflets for business men, mothers, pastors, girls in teens; historical and statistical sketches,

valuable for reference; biographies boiled down, but retaining the piquant flavor of personality; stories; hints for programme-making; reports; calendars; almanacs; maps; and pamphlets of pictures prettily mounted from magazines, etc. The members expect to receive signal benefit this year from these books and magazines in the library in the line of the united course of study.

Besides the towns alluded to, Topeka, Kan., Des Moines, Iowa, Seattle, Wash., Pasadena, Cal., West Bay City, Bay City and Detroit, Mich., Melrose, Malden, Wakefield, Everett, Boston and Springfield, Mass.,—Hartford and New Haven, Conn., and Pittsburg, Allegheny, Warren, Lewiston and Philadelphia, Pa., are paying special attention to missionary books and periodicals. The Student Volunteer Movement has placed 2,500 sets of their campaign library of sixteen volumes on Missions in churches and Young People's Societies; another library of twenty volumes has followed this, while some public libraries, notably those of Detroit and Baltimore, have themselves published separate catalogues with the titles of books on Christian Missions.

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### FIFTEEN DAYS IN A TEPOIA.

The following journey to the West Central Africa Mission was condensed from Miss Louise B. Fay's account of her first journey inland:—

LANDING from the steamer at the Portuguese trading port of Benguella in south latitude twelve, and having received kindly help and courtesy from the merchants, we proceed to engage our porters for the inland journey of two hundred miles to Bailundu (By-loon-doo), the nearest station of the West Central Africa Mission. The first miles we make by train on a sandy track that must be repaired after every rainy season. Here we take our last glimpses of the sea, and wind our way back among the hills to Catumbella, the beginning of the great caravan route to the interior. An old-looking vehicle, drawn by a donkey, conveys us to the "Dutch House," where we spend the night, and in the morning we begin our journey of fifteen days, swung from the shoulders of our sturdy bearers.

The first day's journey is over the Eongo, a low range of barren mountains, with little water or vegetation. We have not yet left behind the low fever-range of the coast, and the heat is intense. Up and down the hills we go, sometimes over paths so steep we betake ourselves to our own feet. The long, picturesque caravan moves, single file, in a path worn deep into the ground by the tramp of bare human feet, and so narrow as to be almost impassable for animals, or for a man with boots. As the hours go on the

caravan straggles, because the *tepoia* men gradually leave the "load men" behind.

About six o'clock the camp is reached, the tents are stretched, cots put up, supper cooked, and from our tent door we watch the tired men resting by the fire. For fifteen nights we must repeat this experience, and for fifteen days the changing panorama passes before our eyes. There are the sweet, still mornings, when the mountain tops are wrapped about in mist; there are golden sunrises; grand, rocky canons, from the depths of which come the chattering of monkeys among the trees.

Sometimes half way up the rocky steeps the monotony is broken by the meeting of another caravan, which, amid a mighty hubbub, contends for the right of way.

In some places the water is scarce, and hardly fit to drink in the dry season. Here and there are immense granite boulders, that look as if they had fallen from the tops of the mountains. Some large trees resemble cacti plants. Several varieties of the honeysuckle appear, and lantanas abound.

Here is a native village, and there a native cemetery, where a funeral dance is going on, but we cannot stop to watch it. As we push on, vegetation becomes more abundant. Near the Kuvali River we pass into a wide region of burnt grass, the black soot of which is brought by a stiff breeze to our faces, clothing and beds.

Sometimes at evening the missionaries have prayers in the Umbundu tongue, and the native Christian boys sing the gospel hymns and pray in their own tongue.

Rivers and brooks abound the more as we go on, some forming cascades in the descent from the mountains. Flowers, too, become more numerous, —orchids, lilies, wild hyacinths, and small pink water lilies resembling the lotus. We pass the Olombinga Horn Mountains, and later Mt. Elonga. On the twelfth or fourteenth day out we cross the Keve or "big river" in a leaky native canoe made of bark, and on the following day we are keenly alert, for we are nearing Bailundu, the first station of the mission.

So thick are the surrounding woods we are almost at the compound before we can see the houses, but once there the little group of buildings inside the fence look very homelike and comfortable. After the dinner, which is splendidly enjoyed after so many days of picnic breakfasts, dinners and suppers, there is the excitement of paying the men and separating the loads, for it is a new caravan that is to take us on to-morrow to Sakanjimba. We are too thankful to be here to dwell upon the swift exchange of checks that claim our baggage in civilized lands, and, the ordeal over, we turn away for a look at the little Bailundu church, and the God's acre in which sleep some of his beloved.

## THE LIGHT SHINETH IN DARKNESS.

"HAD it not been for all these troubles I should never have known you, for I used to hate Christianity." Such were the words of a dear Chinese woman some months ago. Would that you could see her,—a perfect lady, an ideal Chinese wife and mother, and yet for years a regular Saul in her persecution of her husband, who had become a Christian. He is a small official, well connected, and of some means. He became interested in Christianity through observing the changed life of one of his companions. This man would steal anything he could lay his hands on to get money for gambling, even to taking things from the palace when on duty there. After a time all was changed; Mr. Ming looked on and marveled. As months came and went and there was no more stealing or gambling, he asked his friend what had caused the change, and the friend said, "I have found the true God, and he has saved me from my sin." From that time Mr. Ming went often to the chapel with his friend, and it was a glad day when he said, "Yes, this is the truth, I believe and accept it; your God is now my God." When he went home and told his wife, and wanted to take down the idols, she was most bitter and in a terrific rage, and made the children laugh at their father, took his books whenever she could find them and threw them into the court. When he would kneel to pray she would laugh and make fun of him. Sundays she would have breakfast too late for him to get to church, and then hurry and get the afternoon meal all cleared away before he reached home from Sunday school. She told him she would not cook for him the days he went to the devil's place.

Again and again the dear city Bible woman, Mrs. Chang, who is of our martyr band, went to call on her and reason with her, but Mrs. Ming would not listen to her or invite her into her rooms, and the last time she went there she pushed her out of the court and reviled her for several minutes.

Much prayer was offered for her by this dear Bible woman and others, and after many days and through deep waters the answer has come.

The continued opposition of his wife at last told on Mr. Ming, and the last year before the trouble he was seen but few times at the chapel.

When the Boxer mob gathered outside the gate she opened it herself and asked the leaders in to have some tea. They were taken back at her coolness, and asked if Mr. Ming did not live there; she said yes, but he is a good servant of the emperor. Mr. Ming came forward at once and gave himself up; he was taken to the Boxer headquarters, but through the influence of his brother and other influential friends was let off on payment of a sum of money. A few days after the foreign troops came a strange lady called to see us, bring-

ing with her some rolls of white silk. She said, "I know you have lost everything; can you not make some dresses of this?" Great was our surprise to find that this was the lady for whom we had so often prayed. They brought their five sweet girls and other valuables and moved down near us where they could be protected by Mr. Ament. Oh, friends, that you could have watched with us the ripening of this first fruit after the terrible persecution! Every Sunday and every prayer meeting Mr. and Mrs. Ming and their five girls, his widowed sister and her son, also another sister and a nephew,—eleven souls are in attendance. All last year the girls were in the day school, and this year the second and third are in the Bridgman School. This second daughter is very pretty and sweet, and such a simple, earnest Christian,—a delight to all who know her, and the joy of her mother.

We love to think the dear Bible woman knows and in heaven rejoices over these precious souls.

The widowed sister, Mrs. Wang, is a fine woman, and from the first was in full sympathy with her brother and loved to hear all about the new religion; but only once did she venture to come to the chapel, and that was about four years ago. On her return home Mrs. Ming told her that if she went again she would have to move out of the court, as she would not have her daughters contaminated.

"Oh," said Mrs. Wang, "you don't know the change in our home; now it is like heaven, and it used to be like hell."

Mrs. Wang is learning to read, and is studying the Bible that she may become a Bible woman. She is so strong and refined, and is such an earnest Christian, she will be a great help to us.

Rejoice with us, dear friends, over this the first fruit of the Peking church. Yes, the light is shining in the darkness and the morning is coming.

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EXTRACT FROM A LETTER FROM MISS N. O. PRESCOTT,  
PARRAL, MEXICO.

THE ladies of the Interior are very kind to remember us with their yearly gift. I have never been so fortunate until this year as to have the calendar of the Eastern Board. This week has been ours on their calendar, and I am sure we all feel stronger and encouraged to do more for the cause of Christ in Mexico.

We have never had so many opportunities of reaching people in Parral as now, and we are feeling our responsibility, and are trying to shoulder it.

I enjoy having Miss Dunning with me. It is so much easier to take hold of work knowing there is some one ready to help lift, if there is need of it.

Our schoolrooms are full and running over. Almost every day we have to turn pupils away. Just now we have a good teaching force, but no room to receive pupils. We have already given up the girls' dining room to school purposes, and nothing remains but our two sleeping rooms upstairs,—one used by Miss Dunning and myself, and the other by the other six members of our family,—our little sala, two kitchens and our small dining room. I am wondering every day what changes we can make another year so that we can take more boarders and more day pupils.

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## SCHOOL FOR BLIND CHILDREN IN BOMBAY.

(From the *Bombay Guardian*.)

A PLAIN, whitewashed Indian bungalow, furnished in the simplest manner with forms, cupboards, a dozen low, neat cots in the bedrooms for the bigger children, and nearly thirty sightless little ones of all ages,—such is the school for blind children which about a year ago was started by Miss Millard, of the American Marathi Mission, in Bombay city.

The children had not finished their lessons when we entered the school-room one recent afternoon. They had been writing, and we examined the neat, regular pricking of letters and words which, when reversed, the sensitive little fingers could rapidly read, but many lessons are committed to memory.

When the children had taken their seats on the matted floor we listened to their reading. It was all in English, for Miss Millard explained that although Miss Bernard, of Poona, had with great pains reduced the Marathi language to the Braille character, yet the books were so few that their knowledge would be greatly limited were she to have the children taught only Marathi; whereas English books for the blind are so many that their education may be wide and varied when once they are able to read in that language. There is actually, she told us, a monthly paper for the blind published in English.

"I—love—little—pussy—her—coat—is—so—warm." The familiar words sounded strangely. A little girl who had been longest in the school was reading.

"Does she really know what she is reading?" we asked, for a year is a very short time in which to learn a language as well as to learn to read. "Ask her," Miss Millard replied. "How do you spell work?" she was asked. "W-o-r-k work, *munje kam*," the little one answered promptly, and similarly with several other questions.

It was a pathetic scene,—these children standing and sitting, smiling and talking, but almost all in utter darkness to themselves. They seemed wonderfully happy in their new home and in the kind friends they find, when once they settle down; but the tiny ones are homesick at first, and those who have been rescued from famine areas are frail and sickly.

Before we left, the children sang to us. They are well trained in singing, and are led by a blind boy, whom Miss Millard thinks to be a musical genius. But an instrument is needed for him and the other children to learn upon; a piano is one of Miss Millard's great needs. Here is one of the songs the children sang:—

Do you know how many stars  
 There are shining in the sky?  
 Do you know how many clouds  
 Every day go floating by?  
 God, the Lord, their number knoweth,  
 For each one his care he showeth  
 Of the bright and boundless host.

Do you know how many birdies  
 In the sunshine sing all day?  
 Do you know how many fishes  
 In the sparkling water play?  
 God, the Lord, who dwells in heaven,  
 Name and life to each has given;  
 In his love they live and move.

Do you know how many children  
 Go to little beds at night,  
 And without a care or sorrow  
 Wake again with morning light?  
 God in heaven each name can tell,  
 Knows us, too, and loves us well;  
 He's our best and dearest friend.

The story of a brother and sister in the school was very touching; they had been sent from different famine orphanages, and had been several days together before they found each other. Many of the children have lost their sight through the ophthalmia which is prevalent in the hot seasons throughout India.

This excellent institution is supported wholly by donations. One Brahmin gentleman who visited it was so touched that he donated the cots and mattresses; but the income fluctuates, while the needs of the children are new every day.

We would recommend the work to the prayerful interest and sympathy of all our readers who love children and desire their best interests.

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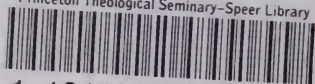


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